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SA denies reports of Hizbullah training on its soil
BATSHEVA TSUR

SOUTH Africa is looking into reports that Hizbullah has training camps there.
South African Ambassador Malcom Ferguson, at his request, met yesterday with Foreign Minister Eitan Bentsur, after Israel Radio reported that there are five such camps on South African soil.
A spokesman for South African President Nelson Mandela denied the reports. "That's just unthinkable," Parks Mankahana told AP.
The Foreign Ministry later issued a denial of the report that a "protest" had been lodged with South Africa, and said that Israel had requested clarifications about the activities of extremist Islamic organizations, including Hizbullah, in South Africa.
"This is a matter which is particularly worrisome because of recent events," a ministry communiqué added. It said the matter was being clarified between the two countries "in the spirit of the friendly relations between them" and had been raised from time to time.
No comment could be obtained from Nigerian Ambassador Ignatius Olesimeka about a report that there is also a Hizbullah camp there.

Ferguson said later that the first he had heard of the reports was "on the radio... I informed [Bentsur] I was extremely concerned to learn of these rumors and confirmed that I would convey this information to my government immediately."
Ferguson said that the matter had recently been mentioned in a meeting between South African Deputy Foreign Minister Aziz Fadah and Ambassador Elazar Granot, which took place during Operation Grapes of Wrath.
The issue came to the fore at the beginning of April, when Hamas and Iran sent delegations to an Islamic fundamentalist meeting in Pretoria. At the time, pressure was brought to bear on Mandela not to meet with the Hamas delegation, and he acceded.
Asked about the South African government's position on Islamic fundamentalist groups, Ferguson said: "We're concerned when religious extremism is associated with a political program that focuses on undermining foreign governments."

Ex-CIA chief Colby feared drowned

LA PLATA, Maryland (AP) - William Colby, who went from the CIA's chief spy in Saigon during the Vietnam War to its director in the mid-1970s, was missing yesterday after his canoe was found capsized near his vacation home.
The case is being investigated as a boating accident, although foul play hadn't been ruled out, Charles County Sheriff Fred Davis said.
Colby apparently went canoeing late Saturday, but his absence wasn't noticed until Sunday night, Davis said.
Coast Guard crews searched the Wicomico River near his Rock Point home for more than



Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu acknowledges the cheers of the crowd during last night's election campaign kickoff rally at the Jerusalem International Convention Center. (Brian Heidler)

Thousands attend Likud campaign kickoff

THE Likud last night kicked off its election campaign at a packed rally at the Jerusalem International Convention Center. The atmosphere of amity and good will completely belied the bitter infighting of the previous months.
The thousands of supporters in the overflowing hall were a cross section of the population, with teenagers and the elderly, religious and secular, new immigrants and veteran Israelis all well-represented. The crowd even boasted a handful of haredim, though a hand-made sign proclaiming "The haredim are with Bibi" [Binyamin Netanyahu] seemed audacious.
The audience waited good-naturedly for the opening of the rally - which was an hour behind schedule - and filled in the time with occasional chants and songs. When the candidates finally entered, however, some of the most enthusiastic cheers went to a man who is not running: former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir. The crowd also went wild upon seeing MKs Ze'ev Binyamin Begin and Yitzhak Mordechai.
The biggest display of enthusiasm, however, was reserved for prime ministerial candidate Ne-

tanyahu, whose address was punctuated by cheering every few minutes.
"The people of Israel are standing before a choice that will determine [the nation's] character for generations," he said. "[Labor] is proposing a peace without security; we are proposing peace with security... Peace means being able to get on a bus without fear."
Netanyahu outlined four differences he sees between the Labor and Likud positions. First of all, he said, Prime Minister Shimon Peres has made the Palestinian Authority responsible for Israel's security.
"Our first goal will be to return security to our own hands," he said.
Secondly, he said, Labor does not oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state, while the Likud does.
In addition, he continued, "Peres will divide Jerusalem, while we will preserve united Jerusalem."
And finally, he said, "Peres will bring the Syrians to the shores of the Kinneret... while

we will keep the Golan."
All of this can be boiled down to one major difference, he said. "They have lost their faith, but we have kept our faith."
Netanyahu also spent much of his speech attacking Peres, whom the audience cast in the role of Haman in the Purim story by attempting to drown out his name with boos whenever it was mentioned. Netanyahu castigated Peres's statement, which appeared yesterday in *Yediot Aharanot*, that the new understandings in Lebanon "will last until the elections," charging that Peres was sacrificing Israel's security for electoral considerations.
He also jeered at Peres's statement that the PLO's decision to consider changing its covenant was "the most important thing that has happened in the Middle East for the past 100 years."
"I would have said, and doubtless all of you as well... that the most important event in the Middle East in the last 100 years was the establishment of a Jewish state," he said.
Netanyahu was followed at the

microphone by David Levy, whom MK Tzahi Hanegbi introduced as "the man who never left us for a moment." Though Levy was also greeted with an ovation, his speech failed to generate the response Netanyahu's did. His few big cheers came when he stressed the theme of unity, as when he announced: "We are all standing behind one candidate - Bibi Netanyahu."
The joint Likud-Tsomet-Gesher ticket made unity one of the natural themes of the evening.
"Never since 1977 has the right wing been so united," MK Limor Livnat declared.

US, France want to bolster Lebanon as an independent peace partner

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres indicated yesterday that both US President Bill Clinton and French President Jacques Chirac had called for greater independence for Lebanon.
Speaking to reporters on the plane from Washington to New York about his discussion with the president in the White House on Sunday, Peres said, "Clinton said, 'We need to build Lebanon as a partner on the road to peace.' I am thinking along similar lines. We need to build Lebanon just as we built [Palestinian Authority President Yasser] Arafat as a partner."
It remained unclear how feasible it would be to pry Lebanon loose from Syria's political, let

alone military, control. There are currently 40,000 Syrian troops occupying that country. When asked how he felt Syria would react to such an effort, Peres made it clear that he expects Damascus to strongly oppose it.
The new focus on greater independence for Lebanon emerged in the wake of last week's understandings following Operation Grapes of Wrath. As part of those understandings, there is scheduled to be an international effort to raise funds to reconstruct Lebanon.
Israeli officials said the US is

to contribute several hundred armored personnel carriers to the Lebanese army, and noted that the Lebanese army had recently stopped several attempts by Hizbullah gunmen to organize attacks on Israel.
In a panel session at yesterday's AfPac conference in Washington, Special Middle East Peace Coordinator Dennis Ross said that the new understandings would cover not only Hizbullah Katyusha firings from within villages north of the security zone, but would also include preparations to launch such strikes.
Peres will discuss the Pollard issue with Clinton in their meeting today.
France takes credit for cease-fire, Page 2

US, Europe to launch review of Iran's terror role

THE US and European nations will seek to resolve their conflict over whether Iran is supporting terrorism by launching an intensive intelligence review of Iranian activities.
Prime Minister Shimon Peres disclosed this while flying to New York after meeting President Bill Clinton at the White House on Sunday.
An official in the Prime Minister's Office said the review, which Peres referred to as a "fact-finding device," would seek to track Iranian funding of Hamas and other terrorist organizations.
The US has led a rather lonely battle in its containment policy against Iran, charging that it stands behind various terrorist groups. European nations, particularly France and Germany, say that there is little evidence to support this. They instead favor what they call a "critical dialogue" with Iran on the subject of terrorism.
Peres has termed this European policy "a scandal," and has suggested that it is one, in no small measure, to Europe's desire to do business with Iran.
Peres also noted that a Hizbullah gang had been caught in France, apparently on its way to attack targets in Europe.
DAVID MAKOVSKY, New York

Arafat to US for meeting with Clinton

HILLEL KUTTLER and News agencies
WASHINGTON

PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat will meet here with President Bill Clinton during a three-day visit that starts today, a US official said yesterday.
"The president is hopeful he can arrange a meeting. We're still trying to find a time," the official said. "It's a good opportunity for the president to reinforce the efforts [Arafat's] taken against terrorism and to offer further encouragement."
A White House official said Arafat would see Clinton either tomorrow or Thursday, after Prime Minister Shimon Peres leaves Washington.
A PLO spokesman here said Arafat is arriving this afternoon.
A possibility exists that Arafat and Peres will meet tonight, spokesmen for the PLO and the Israeli Embassy said.
The Clinton-Arafat meeting is seen by some analysts here as a reward for Arafat, following the Palestine National Council's vote last week authorizing a change in the PLO Covenant that clash with the 1993 Israeli-PLO letters of recognition.
The US official stated that the meeting is a strictly bilateral session and will not include Peres, who is meeting with Clinton today as he concludes his visit.
Clinton and Arafat have held only one substantive meeting -

last September 28 in the Oval Office - before Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin signed Oslo 2.
Arafat also visited the White House during the signing of the Declaration of Principles on September 13, 1993.
Meanwhile, Peres told a Washington Institute for Near East Policy forum that "out of our good will," Israel is willing to help in Lebanon's reconstruction.
In a joint appearance with Peres on Sunday night at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Clinton offered his most ringing defense yet of Israel's actions in Lebanon, saying that the Lebanese children killed in the shelling of Kana "were caught between - make no mistake about it - the deliberate tactics of Hizbullah in their positioning and firing."
He pledged that the US-Israel relationship will remain "so strong and so vital that no one will ever drive a wedge between us."
He also said that the administration will commit \$200 million toward the deployment phase of the Arrow missile.
"Israel will have not only the advantage it needs today, but will be able to defeat threats of tomorrow," Clinton said.
In his remarks to AIPAC, Peres thanked Clinton for his administration's contributions to (Continued on Page 2)

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Weizman: New pact is better

THE understandings achieved as a result of Operation Grapes of Wrath are better than those achieved after Operation Accountability, President Ezer Weizman said yesterday.

Speaking during an awards ceremony at Beit Hanassi sponsored by the Council for a Beautiful Israel, Weizman said: "It may be that something good will come out of it. We achieved [something] better than what there was before, and less than what he'd hoped for. For the first time, we have the participation of the US and the European Union [in an agreement], and a document signed by the Syrians. This could be an opening to an overall peace in the Middle East, and we should stop criticizing."

He said Kiryat Shmona had suffered serious damage and called on voluntary organizations to help with the rebuilding.

DAVID RUDGE and Jim

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said the cease-fire agreement did not legitimize Syria's presence in Lebanon. Speaking in Haifa, Sneh said that Syria's presence in Lebanon is a fact, since Lebanon is currently controlled by two countries: Syria and Israel, with each guarding its own interests, "and this is the justification Israel has for the security zone, so long as there is no other agreement."

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat visited some of the Katyusha-hit buildings in Kiryat Shmona, after spending the night in Metulla. He later toured other confrontation line settlements, then met with manufacturers and businessmen in Nahariya.

He said it is still too early to accurately assess the total cost of the damage, both physi-

cally and in terms of lost production, trade, tourism, and agriculture.

"There's no doubt, however, that we are talking about damage, directly and indirectly, of more than NIS 100 million," he said.

Israel Electric Corporation managing director Rafi Peled said the company had repaired 54 electrical grids in Kiryat Shmona and that there had been 21 incidents of damage to high tension wires. The repairs cost NIS 700,000, according to Zvi Kollochnik, director of the IEC's northern district.

Shohat reiterated his promise that the government would give priority to repairing the damage in the North, especially in Kiryat Shmona which bore the brunt of the attacks.

Shohat said he intends to have concrete proposals ready to submit to the government within two weeks.

France takes credit for Lebanon cease-fire

Chirac: We have regained Mideast foothold

News agencies

Foreign Minister Herve de Charette added that the truce was "a good understanding, based largely on French proposals."

"Eighty percent of the text comes from ideas which we ourselves expressed," he told a news conference after his two-week mission that was upstaged by a week-long peace shuttle by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said yesterday Lebanon had emerged from Israel's 17-day bombardment stronger, more united, and more determined than before to oust the IDF from the south.

But he said Lebanon would honor the cease-fire accord and ensure that Hizbullah does not

violate it.

"We have been through a cruel ordeal but we have emerged, society and system, stronger than we were and more united in confronting difficulties," Hariri said.

"Nothing can ever keep us from holding in our will to rebuild, to liberate our land, and no force can atop the Lebanese dream of renewing life in this country and renewing its role, its system, and its people," Hariri declared.

Hundreds of engineers toiled for the third day yesterday to repair power stations, water pipes, and road networks destroyed in Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Red Cross volunteers began preparing coffins for a mass funeral for the 91 civilians killed in



A teacher welcomes her pupils back to school in Kiryat Shmona yesterday.

(Avihm Shapiro/Israel Sun)

Children return to school in Kiryat Shmona

DAVID RUDGE

CHILDREN in Kiryat Shmona were greeted with sweets and smiles from teachers and hugs from classmates as they returned to school yesterday - nearly three weeks after the start of Operation Grapes of Wrath.

"I never thought I would hear myself say this, but it's great to be back at school," Katie Zagur, 14, said shortly after arriving at the Janusz Karczak junior high school.

"We have been away from school for nearly a month-and-a-half, because there was the Pesach holiday before the fighting. It's good to see everybody again and start to get back to normal."

Normal, however, is a relative term in Kiryat Shmona, where nearly one-third of all the homes were damaged by Katyushas, including that of Katie's family.

"On the first day, when we heard the helicopters and planes, but the operation had not been

officially announced, we knew that something was going to happen because there was a war atmosphere," Katie said.

"We all went to Tiberias the same day, all six of us, my parents and my brothers and sisters, and afterwards in Kibbutz Ayelet Hashahar, but we came back to Kiryat Shmona on Saturday evening."

"We heard several salvos of Katyushas falling nearby, and we all spent the night crammed in the security room."

"The following day, we went to Rosh Pina, except for my father and my elder brother. About a week later, another rocket landed across the street and my brother, who was in the shower at the time, was lucky to escape. He was very shaken and decided that enough was enough, and he and our father came in join us," she said.

The family returned to their home on Saturday night, following the cease-fire.

"It was very strange, like entering a place I didn't know and yet I did. The windows were broken, the living room, the television. Everything was strange and new and broken," Katie said.

Her friend Shani Dench, also 14, returned home with her family on Sunday.

"Even though we were treated

with a great deal of warmth in the hotel where we stayed, we couldn't wait to come home," Shani said. "When we did, we found our home had been hit. The windows were broken, and we worked until the early hours of the morning, to clean everything up."

"I can't remember a situation like this. We were never scared of Katyushas before, but this time it seems they managed to put fear in our hearts."

Despite the uncertainty over the future, Shani said her family has no intention of leaving.

"You can't say the understandings did not achieve anything. The very fact that we have been able to return, come back to school, and walk on the streets is an achievement," she said.

"They didn't solve the problems in the long term, however, and there's still the danger of more rocket attacks, even in the next few days."

Her comments were echoed by Katie.

"Even though it's over and there's an agreement, I prefer to sleep in the security room with my parents, because I don't think Hizbullah can be trusted."

The first lessons at school were designed to let the children express their feelings and describe their experiences, to give teachers, psychologists, and counselors the opportunity to identify those in need.

"We prepared a questionnaire for the children, so that we could identify the problems and the hurt," said principal Shosh Shemer. "I know of people who were pupils here many years ago and are still carrying the scars of previous incidents. What we are trying to do is to ensure that the scars will be minimal."

"The children are returning now and everything seems, on the face of it, to be normal. But we are already finding one or two children in every class who have problems sleeping, who find it difficult to leave their mother, or who told us they weren't able to bring any books or even pencils with them because everything in their home was destroyed."

She said the aim of the talks between the teachers and pupils is to allow the children to vent their anger and fears and to realize they are not alone.

Several pupils were absent yesterday, along with one teacher, Hani Hani, wife of deputy mayor Yossi Hani. She was badly wounded in a Katyusha attack and is still in Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Municipal officials said around 85 percent of the children returned to school and they expected all of them back by today.

Work continued to repair school buildings so they could reopen. One nursery, which suffered a direct hit, remained shut because of the damage. The rest of the schools and kindergartens opened as planned.

ARAFAT

(Continued from Page 1) The peace process. He said that if peace accords can be concluded with Lebanon and Syria, the rest of the Arab world will follow, creating a comprehensive peace.

Later, Peres said at a news conference that the new aspect of the US-Israel security arrangement will be the dispatch of American technicians to enforce Middle East peace accords. US technicians were included in a five-nation force announced last Friday to monitor an understanding between Israel and Lebanon protecting civilians of the two countries from cross-border rocket attacks.

Peres likened the use of American technicians to the Multinational Force and Observers policing hunder areas of the Sinai Peninsula, which includes US soldiers and forces from several other countries.

After the AIPAC conference, Peres and Clinton held 35 minutes of late-evening talks in the Oval Office, reviewing defense cooperation and the accord that ended Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Meanwhile, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Saviv told an AIPAC forum yesterday that Syrian President Hafez Assad "wants to have it both ways" in concluding a deal with Israel.

"He's going to find out ... he can't have Iran and Israel at the same time ... He can't keep doing what he's doing and have good relations with the US. He has to decide what his basic strategy is." Assad is "challenged by peace in a much broader way" because "he would like to have it without the necessary ramifications" - relations with Israel.

Also yesterday, a senior Israeli official told American columnists that "if I thought that in another 10 years the Syrians would forget about the Golan, I would wait."

Swiss bankers to meet Jewish leaders

MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK

SWISS bankers and Jewish leaders are scheduled to meet here at the end of the week to form an independent commission which will make a final determination on the extent of Holocaust victims' assets in Swiss banks.

The meeting would be the first step in an unprecedented process to audit Swiss accounts. It is expected to be a largely technical session that would lay out the commission's responsibilities. Discussions about the audit would occur at future meetings.

Forming the commission was part of a pledge made by the Swiss Bankers Association in a letter, dated April 9, to Israel Singer of the World Jewish Congress. This commitment was reiterated last week in hearings in front of the Senate Banking Committee.

The bankers' letter originally proposed a commission of three to seven members "whose experience and integrity are well known worldwide." However, sources said, the bankers are expected to accept a Jewish proposal for an expanded body of 10 members. Half of this commission would be representatives of the World Jewish Restitution Organization, which includes the Jewish Agency, World Jewish Congress, Joint Distribution Committee, and survivors' organizations.

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Yisrael Ba'aliya leader Natan Sharansky presents the party's petition for Amharic and Russian translations to be put on election material to the High Court of Justice yesterday.

Yisrael Ba'aliya to court: Order Russian, Amharic election materials

YISRAEL Ba'aliya yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to order various election materials to be printed in Russian and Amharic, as well as Hebrew and Arabic.

EVELYN GORDON

the country's official languages: Hebrew and Arabic. The petition argued that the CEC misinterpreted the law. While the only languages mentioned in the law are Hebrew and Arabic, it does not specifically forbid the use of other languages, the petition said.

when some 15% of the voters are new immigrants, many of whom do not yet speak Hebrew. While the CEC plans to have a telephone hotline for new immigrants who need to know where to vote and cannot read their cards, this is insufficient, the petition said, because many will not even realize that these notices contain important information.

Third Way, Sharansky sign surplus vote deal Hefetz: Terrorists likely to try affecting elections

LIAT COLLINS

THE Third Way has reached a vote surplus agreement with Natan Sharansky's Yisrael Be'Aliya party, Third Way No. 2 Yehuda Harel announced yesterday. Such arrangements allow parties to use up the votes that would otherwise be wasted and gain extra Knesset seats.

TERROR groups hoping to influence the outcome of the upcoming elections are likely to try to launch attacks over the next few weeks, Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz warned yesterday. Hefetz did not specify which groups, though apparently he was referring to Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Hizbullah. He said he had received an army intelligence report on Hizbullah's alleged plans to carry out an attack here prior to the election.

BILL HUTMAN

"We know of plans to carry out terror attacks, like those carried out not so long ago, aimed at affecting the election," he said. He called on the parties' campaign organizers to hold major rallies only at sites that can be well guarded, such as stadiums and theaters. "We want to be able to have control over the entrances," Hefetz explained. Hefetz made these comments to reporters after police brass from around the nation convened in Jerusalem to review security plans for the campaign period and election day. Over 20,000 policemen, most of the force, will take part in "Operation Term 96."

has been taken away, and police manpower in the capital cut back. Hefetz explained that the army needed to get back to its regular training routine, and that policemen also could not be kept on a 12-hour-a-day schedule with no vacations. "The whole system just needed a break," Hefetz said. The army, however, will again allocate soldiers to help with security for the campaign and elections, Hefetz added. The police and General Security Service are also taking special steps to protect Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Likud leader, Benjamin Netanyahu. Hefetz said that despite fears that extremist Jews would attack the candidates, police have not found any concrete information on such a plan. Hefetz described the beefed-up protection of the candidates as being part of the lessons learned from the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Meretz pushing for prompt Hebron pullout

MERETZ has decided to increase the pressure on Prime Minister Shimon Peres to withdraw from Hebron before the May 29 elections, following indications that Peres is considering a phased withdrawal. Envoies of Meretz party chairman, yesterday tabled a draft proposal with the cabinet secretariat calling for a withdrawal in the next few days. In his letter, Sarid states that Israel undertook to redeploy its troops in Hebron by the end of March, but this had to be postponed until it could be established whether Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat would abide by his commitment to annul the offensive paragraphs of the Palestinian Covenant.

BATSHEVA TSUR and Nim part of the agreement, despite all the difficulties. Any further postponement will not only be an infringement of the agreement, but also will show a lack of gratitude towards a partner who has carried out his part of the partnership, Sarid wrote. Meanwhile, the Security Forum to Strengthen the Nation, a group made up of senior IDF reserve officers, toured Hebron yesterday to demonstrate its support for the city's Jewish population. "It is not possible to defend the sites in the city where the settlers are without ruling the areas in the territories from which these sites are controlled," former MK Yoash Tsiddoo said. "The IDF's absence from the entire city will mean abandoning the settlers." Agudat Yisrael's Council of

Sages also called on Peres not to redeploy the IDF from Hebron. In a letter to Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and former MK Rabbi Menahem Porush, Peres wrote that he was not considering withdrawing the IDF from Machpelah Cave and the Jewish community, but only from the Arab community in Hebron. Peres indicated on his way to Washington Sunday night that he might consider delaying a full redeployment until after the elections because of the extreme sensitivity involved in any moves concerning Hebron. In a meeting with senior IDF officers on Friday, there appeared to be differences of opinion over the wisdom of such a move at this point. IDF officers have repeatedly stated that plans for a redeployment in the center of Hebron can become operational in a matter of hours.

Gush Etzion rabbi to take part in Meretz election campaign

MICHAL YUDELMAN

ORTHODOX Rabbi Ami Katz of Gush Etzion has asked Meretz leaders to take part in the party's election campaign. Meretz's spokeswoman said yesterday. Rabbi Katz contacted Meretz via the telephone number in the party's campaign ads in the newspapers, and said he was concerned for the nation's unity, which he considers the most important thing today, Meretz activists said. Labor is negotiating a surplus vote agreement with both Meretz and Shas. Coalition Chairman MK Raanan Cohen said yesterday that the agreement will probably be signed with Meretz, which had such a deal with Labor in the 1992 elections as well.

Shas is reportedly close to signing a surplus vote agreement with the Likud. However, most of Shas's voters support the right wing, despite the tendency of Shas's spiritual mentor, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, to prefer Prime Minister Shimon Peres to Likud leader MK Benjamin Netanyahu. Labor yesterday launched an information assault on the Arab sector, in an effort to reinstate Israeli Arabs' support for Peres, following the rift caused by Operation Grapes of Wrath. The support for Peres in the Arab sector plummeted during Operation Grapes of Wrath, especially after the Kana tragedy.

Several Arab leaders and Arab parties threatened not to vote for Peres in the elections, and to put a blank note in the ballot box instead. Labor Knesset candidate Nadia Hilo, one of the 20 party ministers and MKs who visited Arab and Beduin towns yesterday, said after a meeting in Shfar'am that she believes Israel's Arabs will support Peres in the elections for prime minister. Labor MK Hagai Merom, acting chairman of the party's campaign for the Arab sector, said on Sunday that "the end of the hostilities in Lebanon and the changing of the Palestinian Covenant, has changed the feeling among Israel's Arabs towards Peres."

Supreme Court explains why Tibi's party, Yemin Yisrael weren't disqualified

A PARTY can not be disqualified because of a conflict of interest, the Supreme Court declared yesterday in explaining why it had not disqualified Ahmed Tibi's Arab Movement for Renewal party. Three weeks ago, the court had rejected an appeal against registering Tibi's party, but did not release its reasons until yesterday. It also published its reasons for its March rejection of two petitions against Shaul Guttman's Yemin Yisrael party. The appeal against Tibi's party charged there was a conflict of interest between a party's obligation of loyalty to the state and Tibi's role as an adviser to Yasser Arafat, the head of a foreign power. Tibi made the issue moot by promising that if elected, he would resign as Arafat's adviser. However, Justices Mishael Cheshin, Yitzhak Zamir, and Zvi Tal issued a ruling on the

EVELYN GORDON question, deciding that since the right to establish a political party is so fundamental to democracy, a party could only be disqualified for the reasons explicitly listed in the law: degrading Israel's existence as a Jewish and democratic state; inciting racism; or serving as a front for criminal activity. The appeal also charged the party denies Israel's right to exist because it advocates a Palestinian state in all territory captured during the Six Day War, including eastern Jerusalem. The appeal argued this is simply the first part of the PLO's plan of phases and that Tibi shares this goal. The justices said they saw no reason to doubt Tibi's declaration that his goal is merely a successful conclusion to the peace process. Regarding the two appeals against the registration of Yemin Yisrael, Justices Aharon Barak,

Cheshin, and Dalia Dornier ruled that the party's statement that "Israel belongs to the Jewish people and it alone" neither incites to racism nor denies the state's democratic character, since it does not preclude granting Arabs full civil rights. The justices also ruled that a clause calling for MKs to swear allegiance to Israel "as a Jewish state" and advocating "the return of Israel's enemies to their native lands" also did not constitute incitement to racism. While the second part of the clause is more problematic, the justices decided to accept the party registrar's reasoning - that Moledet, which has a similar statement in its platform, had not been banned and that the term "Israel's enemies" does not apply to all Israeli Arabs - explaining that parties should be banned only in the most extreme cases.

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British Tories could split

LONDON (Reuters) - British opposition parties said yesterday they saw evidence of deepening Conservative divisions over Europe and predicted the ruling party may be on the point of splitting apart on the issue.

Their forecasts were prompted by reports that up to 100 Conservative members of parliament planned to issue headline statements to their constituents at the next general election opposing further integration with the European Union.

This would put them at odds with the official policy of Prime Minister John Major, who is attempting to hold together a party containing both pro-European and a strong "Eurosceptic" wing. He has not ruled out British participation in some EU projects, such as a single European currency.

The Tory Party is more than hopelessly split - it is now actually splitting into two parties," said John Prescott, deputy leader of the opposition Labor Party.

Emma Nicholson, a legislator who defected from the Conservatives to the minority Liberal Democrats in December, predicted a Conservative schism after the next election which would bring a realignment of British politics.

"The tectonic plates are grinding and I think there will be an earthquake," she said.

An election is due by May, 1997, and latest opinion polls put the Conservatives 22 points behind Labor.

"I'm planning to come out against further EU integration, including a single currency, belonging to the right-wing '92 Group."

Conservative Party chairman Brian Mawhinney called press reports on the affair "hypothetical and without foundation."

"The government will have a manifesto on which it will fight the election, and Conservative candidates will be associated with that manifesto," he told journalists.

Reports of new divisions alarmed party officials who already acknowledge that local elections being held over large parts of England on Thursday will provide striking confirmation of the government's deep unpopularity.



New Chechen rebel chief Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev seen in front of a portrait of his predecessor Dzhokhar Dudayev at a press conference on Friday. Yandarbiyev was reported killed in fighting yesterday.

Senior Chechen rebel denies new leader killed

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URUS-MARTAN, Russia

A senior Chechen field commander yesterday denied reports that new rebel chief Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev had been shot dead.

"I spoke to him an hour ago by radio," said Doku Makhsheyev, who commands a sector of the rebels' southwestern front. "He is in very good condition. There was no incident. There was no shooting." Makhsheyev said the conversation took place at 5 p.m.

Yandarbiyev's death was reported by officials in the pro-Moscow Chechen government, who said he had been killed in a settling of accounts by rivals.

But Interfax news agency earlier yesterday also quoted a senior representative of Russia's Federal Security Service as denying Yandarbiyev had been killed.

"There is information on the death of Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev in that clash. However, it's still too early to speak of this as an accomplished fact," he told Interfax.

Yandarbiyev was named by rebel leaders last week to succeed Dudayev, who had led the Chechen separatists' drive for independence from Moscow.

He has pledged to carry on the rebels' fight and said he would talk peace only after Moscow withdraws its troops and acknowledges Chechnya's independence.

Many analysts and Russian officials had seen Yandarbiyev, Dudayev's former vice president and ideology chief, as only a transitional leader. Several predicted that one of the rebel field commanders would eventually emerge as Dudayev's real successor.

Dudayev's death has created confusion over prospects for peace talks in Chechnya, where Russian troops have been battling Chechen rebels for more than 16 months.

His widow, Alla Dudayeva, has asked Russian officials to guarantee her safe passage to Moscow so she can travel to the Kremlin on a peace mission.

Yesterday, Russian and Turkish news agencies said she sent a message to Turkish President Suleyman Demirel asking for help in her initiative.

Chechnya's Moscow-backed government was hostile to the idea, saying she had no right to undertake a political mission on behalf of Chechens.

Russian troops meanwhile, appeared poised for a major attack on the town of Shali, 25 km southeast of Grozny, the Chechen capital. T-AR-Tass said Russian commanders said they would attack the town unless rebel fighters cleared out by tonight.

Such attacks in the past on other towns and villages have claimed numerous civilian casualties.

There was also fighting late Sunday and into yesterday near the settlement of Goidskoye outside Urus-Martan. Russian military sources claim several hundred rebels are holed up inside the town, Interfax said.

An estimated 30,000 people have been killed in the war, and President Boris Yeltsin is trying to reach some resolution ahead of June's presidential elections.

Bhutto slammed by rival over Pakistan bus bombing

LAHORE (Reuters) - Pakistani opposition leader Nawaz Sharif accused Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto yesterday of failing to maintain law and order after a bomb blast in a bus killed at least 37 people in the Punjab.

"The government has failed to control law and order," Sharif told reporters after meeting some of about 30 people injured by Sunday's blast. "There is no law and there is no order."

He also challenged Bhutto to name the "foreign elements" she blamed for the blast at Phool Nagar town, about 50 km south of the provincial capital Lahore, on the eve of the Moslem festival of Eid al-Adha.

A government official yesterday scaled down the blast death toll to 37 from earlier official figures of more than 50.

Tahir Raza Naqvi, deputy commissioner of Kasur district, told Reuters that 36 skulls and skeletons had been found in the wreckage of the burnt-out bus and one injured person had died in hospital.

Four others were in critical condition.

The official AFP news agency had said 52 people were killed. It has also revised its toll to 37.

Naqvi blamed the earlier death toll of more than 50 on "a lot of confusion" over the count of body parts.

"It was a pathetic scene with skeletons and skulls on the seats," Naqvi said.

Near a door of the bus were piled eight to 10 bodies of passengers who appeared to have been trapped by fire as they tried to escape, he said.

Naqvi said 36 bodies were buried in separate graves but doctors were unable to identify any of them.

"Relatives might be able to identify three to four bodies because we found a necklace, a wrist watch and spectacles on them," he said. "The others were unrecognizable."

The blast, the latest chapter in Pakistan's violent history of bombings, prompted authorities to reiterate their determination to stamp out terrorism.

"The government... will fight them till the last of them is brought to book," Bhutto said in a statement.

She interrupted her Eid holidays to make an overnight visit to Lahore, a stronghold of political opponents.

Though Bhutto blamed unspecified "terrorists" for the bombing, she appeared to point a finger at India, Pakistan's arch-enemy, when she told reporters in Lahore it seemed to be "subversion aided by foreign elements."

Islamabad has often accused New Delhi of sponsoring sabotage in Pakistan in retaliation for its political support for Moslem militants fighting Indian rule over two-thirds of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

Popular Swedish king celebrates 50th birthday in style

STOCKHOLM (AP) - With pomp, circumstance, and Stevie Wonder, Sweden is celebrating the 50th birthday of its down-to-earth king, Carl XVI Gustaf.

The big day is today, when the popular monarch and his German-born wife, Queen Silvia, will ride in a gilded open carriage through downtown Stockholm, accompanied by scores of sword-carrying horse soldiers and cheered by thousands of Swedes.

A sumptuous banquet at the royal palace for 600 people will top the festivities, which started Saturday with a concert gala for the royal family.

The surprise guest star was American singer Stevie Wonder, who crooned "that's why all of Sweden loves you" as he sang "Happy Birthday" for the delighted monarch.

Wonder later shook hands with the royal family, including 18-year-old Crown Princess Victoria.

The buildup to today's birthday has left no part of Carl Gustaf's life unexamined. Books, magazines and TV documentaries have shown his highness through the years - skiing, hiking, flying, partying, studying, shopping, sailing, diving and dating.

Carl Gustaf met his wife-to-be when she was his VIP interpreter at the Munich Olympics in 1972. The popular queen Silvia, born in Heidelberg during World War II, celebrated her own 50th birthday three years ago.

The staid Svenska Dagbladet

newspaper, in illustrating his highness' fashion sense, even printed an artist's rendition of the king in his underwear, complete with the Swedish crown emblem.

The newspaper featured one of the many interviews the normally reserved monarch granted to mark his 50th birthday.

In surprisingly candid tones, Carl Gustaf recounted a late-night chat with a down-and-out Swedish emigrant who'd failed to start a new life in Australia, and the sadness of Swedish immigrants he met at an old people's home in the United States.

The king, who suffers from the reading disorder dyslexia, said he'd "never been so nervous in my whole life" as when he made a speech in French amid the royal splendor of Versailles.

As for life away from Nobel Prize banquets and formal state dinners, Carl Gustaf admitted: "On Sunday evenings, we have a private dinner and putter around in the kitchen. I think plain-old Swedish home cooking is just great."

Over the years, the king has matured from his 1970s swinger look, topped by long sideburns, into a graying monarch with an avuncular smile and twinkle in his eye behind sensible glasses.

One just-published book on his life quotes from an interview in which he was asked: "What do you have to say about Sweden's reputation for free love?"

The royal answer: "How could I know?"

Palestinian hijacker stands trial in Germany

HAMBURG (AP) - A Palestinian woman charged in the bloody 1977 hijacking of a Lufthansa airliner said yesterday it wasn't fair for her to be put on trial while her boss Arafat gets a Nobel prize.

Suhaila al Sayeh, 43, was the only one of four Palestinian hijackers to survive when German commandos stormed the plane in Mogadishu, Somalia, and freed the 87 hostages.

She was arrested in 1994 in Oslo, Norway, after 17 years on the run and extradited to Germany to stand trial on charges of hijacking, attempted murder and being an accessory to the murder of the plane's captain.

At the trial opening, al Sayeh said she had no confidence in the justice system in Germany or Norway and felt she was being discriminated against.

PLO chief Arafat was involved in much more serious attacks, she argued, and yet he was awarded the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo and a similar prize in Hamburg.

"I feel that it's not even worth fighting," she said of the charges against her.

Al Sayeh entered the courtroom

Sleepwalker tastes life on the edge

LONDON (Reuters) - A 34-year-old British man found himself hanging on for dear life after walking over the edge of a cliff - in his sleep.

Ian Smith's cries for help on Sunday were heard by a neighbor who called the emergency services to rescue him from his perch 10 meters above the incoming tide near Torquay.

Smith, who lives only a short distance from the cliff, said yesterday his last memory before he woke up was of dreaming that he was lying on a ledge.

Police said she has nothing to do with terrorism anymore.

The plane was hijacked Oct. 13, 1977, en route from Majorca to Frankfurt. The hijackers, from the PFLP, demanded the release of imprisoned group members and of left-wing terrorists of Germany's Red Army Faction.

German authorities broke off negotiations after the captain was shot. The hijackers threatened to kill the 83 passengers and four other crew members.

The three male hijackers were killed in the shootout and two Germans were wounded.

oo crutches, saying that several months in custody had weakened her. "I would like to say that I find myself in a crisis," she said.

She was seriously wounded in the shootout that accompanied the storming of the plane. She served a short prison term in Somalia, then disappeared until her arrest in Oslo, where she had lived for three years under a new name with her husband and young daughter.

Rejecting her claims she was only a soldier following orders, Norway extradited her to Germany on Nov. 25. Her attorney

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Ex-South Korean premier Chun denies all charges against him

SEOUL (AP) - Rejecting charges that could bring him the death penalty, former military strongman Chun Doo-hwan said yesterday he acted to thwart a possible North Korean invasion when he expanded martial law nearly 16 years ago.

"The expansion of martial law was inevitable to prevent a national crisis and there was a threat from North Korea," Chun told the court trying him on charges of mutiny and treason.

Prosecutors see Chun's expanding martial law in 1980 as an elaborate plan by the former general to grab power after staging a coup six months earlier.

Chun's mutiny-treason trial reopened only three hours after the end of his separate trial on charges that he took millions of dollars in bribes from businessmen during his presidency.

Chun, 64, heard prosecutors demand years of prison for four aides accused of being accomplices in his bribe-taking.

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The Jerusalem Post, together with the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, the British Ollim Society, the Hitachdut Olai Britannia, the English Speaking Resident's Association, and the South African Zionist Federation (Israel), will be holding a series of public forums in English in Netanya, Tel Aviv, Ra'anana, Jerusalem, Carmiel, Nahariya, Haifa and Beersheba, at which the various political parties will present their policies. FULL DETAILS SHORTLY.

Bomb explodes at Spokane City Hall

SPOKANE, Washington (AP) — A pipe bomb exploded in a doorway of Spokane City Hall early yesterday morning, police said. The building was unoccupied and no one was injured.

Workers discovered damaged entry doors at about 6:30 a.m. and shrapnel in the area appeared to be from "a fairly large pipe bomb," Police Chief Terry Mangan said.

Mangan said it was not known whether the blast was intended to divert attention from some other crime or is related to bombings earlier this month at a newspaper office and bank in Spokane.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI were called in, while city employees searched other city buildings, bridges and communications sites as a precaution.

A bomb squad prepared to enter City Hall to search other explosives, while city employees were sent to wait at the Spokane Arena about three blocks away.

No one claimed responsibility for the bombing, but Mangan said police were investigating some graffiti on the building near the blast site.

Debris was scattered for more than 100 meters in front of the building.

On April 1, men in ski masks and military-style fatigues set off a small bomb while robbing a bank in suburban Spokane Valley. Minutes earlier, another pipe-bomb had exploded outside a nearby suburban office of The Spokesman-Review newspaper.

The blasts were reminiscent of bombings in the 1980s, in Spokane, Seattle and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, carried out by members and sympathizers of The Order, an offshoot of the white supremacist Church of Jesus Christ (Mormons), of Hayden Lake, Idaho. Those bombings appeared to be aimed at diverting police away from simultaneous robberies.

Authorities have said they also are investigating whether the Spokane Valley blasts are connected to the Aryan Republican Army, a white supremacist group that authorities say has committed at least 16 bank robberies and

bombings in the Midwest.

Meanwhile, in Macon, Georgia, a bomb squad removed a suspicious package yesterday from Macon's federal courthouse, where two militia members were to face hearings on charges of conspiring to stockpile pipe bombs.

The cardboard box was bailed away in a bomb-proof drum about 11:45 a.m. less than three hours before the start of the hearings.

Bart McEntire, special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Macon, would not say what made the package suspicious, to whom it was addressed or where it was taken. The courthouse was not evacuated or closed during the removal.

Robert Edward Starr III and William James McCranie Jr., both of Roberts, were to appear before a federal judge in separate bond hearings yesterday afternoon.

McCranie arrived just before noon in a convoy of unmarked cars, his hands cuffed. He was escorted into the rear of the building.

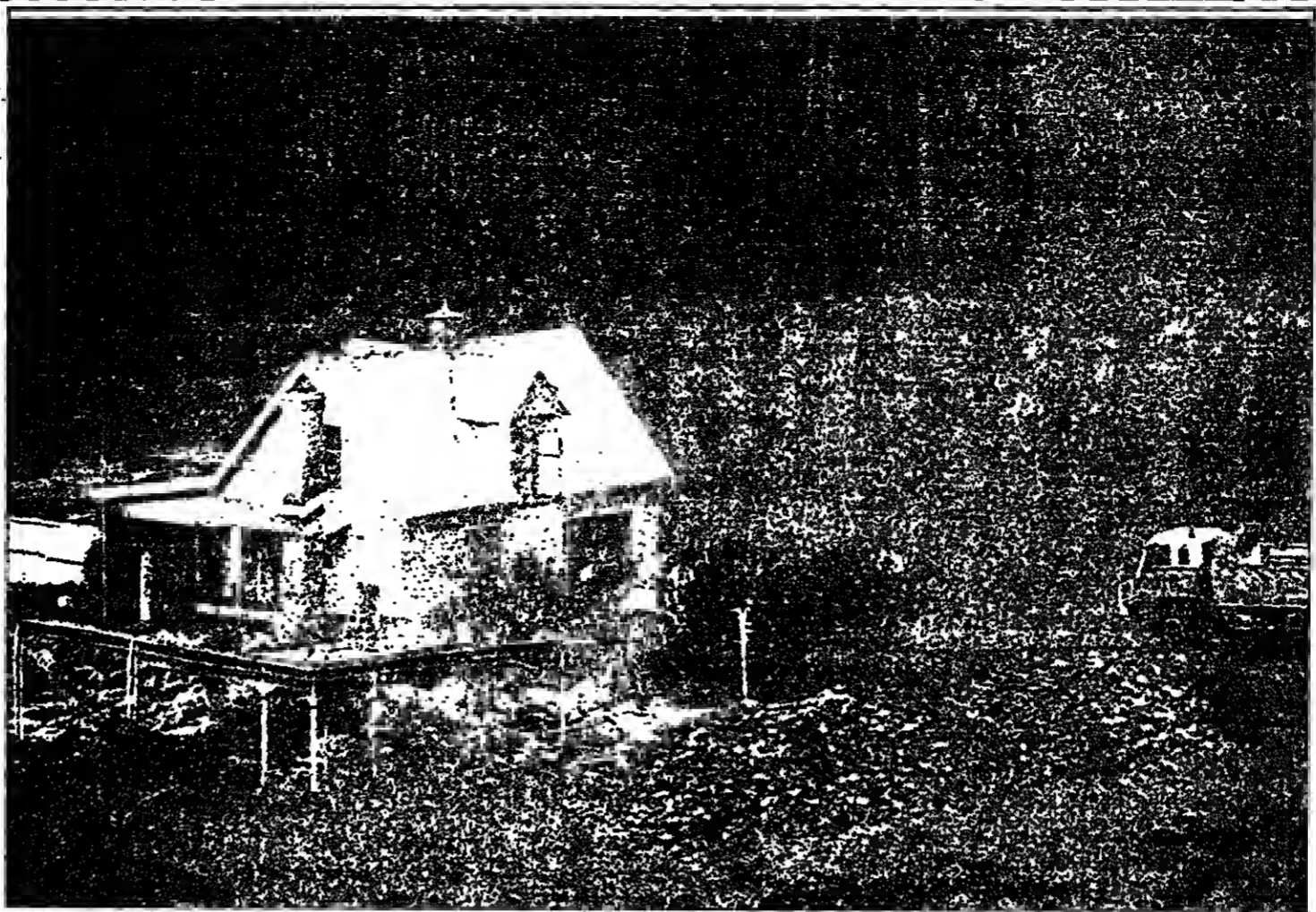
The two men were arrested Friday after the ATF raided their homes in the rural town 38 km west of Macon, confiscating 10 pipe bombs.

An informant told agents Starr and McCranie planned to build and distribute bombs. Authorities say Starr, 34, and McCranie, 30, are members of the Georgia Republic Militia Group, which is believed to have 11 to 15 members.

A half-dozen Alabama men who stood outside the courthouse before yesterday's hearing said they sympathized with Starr and McCranie and planned to monitor the hearing.

Asked if they belonged to a militia, Bob Peacock of Birmingham, Alabama, said, "We belong to a group of like-minded individuals. We want to see for ourselves the truth. It's the right of the people to know."

The US Marshals Service stationed agents in the hallways of the courthouse yesterday, and visitors were escorted to their destinations inside.



A fire truck stands next to the smoldering building where the crazed gunman was boled out in Port Arthur, Tasmania. (Reuters)

Crazed gunman hospitalized as shocked Australia mourns

GEOFF SPENCER
PORT ARTHUR, Tasmania

THE gunman who shot to death at least 34 people in a cold-blooded rampage was under sedation and police guard in hospital as stunned Australians mourned the victims.

Police were trying to locate the body of missing person they fear could be the 35th victim, burned in a fire at an inn started by the gunman. Two other bodies were found in the burned rubble on the island of Tasmania. The rest of the victims were shot.

The gunman driven into this tourist town in a Volvo with a surfboard on top and began methodically firing semiautomatic weapons among picturesque sandstone ruins of a colonial prison.

Police sources and the Australian Broadcasting Corp. named the assailant as Martin Bryant, a 28-year-old Hobart man with no criminal record but with a history of psychological problems.

The bodies of most of the dead were transferred to a morgue in nearby Hobart after sunset yesterday while churches throughout the country held prayer vigils.

Four bodies were left where they fell at the scene so police could gather more forensic evidence.

Hundreds holding candles packed Hobart's St. David's Cathedral for a memorial service. Some mourners wept openly as they remembered murdered family and friends.

Prime Minister John Howard said the slayings have "shaken the nation to the core."

The government of Tasmania said the state, Australia's smallest, was in shock. Until now it had enjoyed little violent crime despite lax gun controls. Lawmakers debated whether to outlaw assault weapons nationwide.

Police say Bryant had been armed with mil-

itary-type AR-15 and an SKS assault rifle.

Some relatives of the dead visited the scene with officers. One man who lost his wife and two children sat in an unmarked squad car sobbing with his head in his hands.

Police have yet to interview Bryant and had not established a motive for the attack.

Local media reported he suffered mental problems and mood swings after a car crash three years ago.

People who claimed to be neighbors of the gunman said he lived on a farm outside of Hobart for four years and had threatened to shoot trespassers in the past.

Witnesses said he wreaked a trail of bloody havoc as he fired at children, hikers and other cars as he drove down a short stretch of coastal highway before bolting up in a nearby guest house where he took potshots at police.

Detectives tried in vain to persuade him to surrender peacefully. However, negotiations ended when the battery of his mobile phone went dead.

He was captured yesterday morning after he set fire to the house with three hostages inside. The fire coded an all-night standoff.

Officers said he ran from the burning building and threw down two rifles after his clothes caught alight.

"He didn't give himself up. He came out because the house was on fire," a police spokesman said.

He was hospitalized with burns to his back and buttocks. Doctors said the suspect was in a satisfactory condition in Royal Hobart Hospital, which also cared for 18 victims who

were injured.

"They are in different wards. He's in the burns unit. They are being treated for gunshot wounds," hospital spokesman Gary Knight said.

Four of those hurt were discharged with minor injuries. Five others were in a serious condition. Nine were stable, including two Canadians.

Police, following strict Australian legal procedure, have refused to name the gunman until he is formally charged with mass murder in court, probably today or tomorrow. If convicted he faces a maximum sentence of life in prison. There is no death sentence in Australia.

Assistant Police Commissioner Richard McCreadie described the massacre as "tragic and catastrophic." He said the dead ranged in age from 3 to 72 years.

About 100 reporters were hused through the area by police soon after the arrest.

Bloodied blankets marked the spots where victims were killed. Pools and trickles of blood on road pavement and shattered glass from shot-out car windows were testament to the indiscriminate brutality of the slayings.

The greatest horror was at Broad Arrow Cafe which sits in a tranquil waterside setting. The adjacent ruins are framed by lush grass and golden oak trees, planted by convicts last century when the prison was regarded as one of the harshest in the British Empire.

Police officer in charge of the scene, Superintendent Jack Johnston, said the diner resembled a war zone. Many of the dead clearly did not have any warning of the hail of bullets.

"Their meals were still on the table. Blood was everywhere," a clearly shaken Johnston said. Some were found with forks raised to their mouths.

Clinton testifies on Whitewater behind closed doors

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Bill Clinton has testified behind closed doors for 41/2 hours as a defense witness in the trial of two of his partners in the failed Whitewater real estate deal, the White House said.

Clinton, who is not accused of any wrongdoing, recorded his testimony on videotape at the White House for viewing later in the trial of James and Susan McDougal, who are charged with bank fraud and conspiracy.

The White House said in a statement the deposition lasted four hours and 23 minutes, starting at 1:15 p.m. and ending at 5:38 p.m. with four 15-minute breaks. Originally, an official said it had begun three minutes earlier.

US District Judge George Howard, who presided over the deposition on a video link from Little Rock, Arkansas, ordered all of the participants in Sunday's deposition not to discuss Clinton's testimony until it is released in court.

Attorney Sam Heuer, who represents James McDougal and will present Clinton's testimony at the Little Rock trial, said he will not play the videotape for the jury for at least a week.

Although a transcript is likely to be made public after the testimony is released in court, the White House does not want to allow unrestricted access to the videotape, in part to prevent its "misuse" by the president's political enemies.

The White House said the defense lawyers, who subpoenaed Clinton, questioned him for approximately 45 minutes, implying much of the session was taken up by the government lawyers from the office of independent counsel Kenneth Starr, which is investigating possible wrongdoing in the Whitewater affair.

Clinton sat in the middle of the White House Map Room, where Franklin Delano Roosevelt was briefed daily on the Second World War, facing the camera as he testified. The prosecutors sat at a table to his right and the defense lawyers to his left.

James and Susan McDougal attacked Clinton's deposition. "We're very pleased with the testimony given by the president," said Bobby McDaniel, an attorney for Susan McDougal. "He responded directly to all questions asked, and I think it will be a powerful testimony."

Diapers 96

BELLEVUE — After Windows 95, its Diapers 96 for Microsoft chairman Bill Gates.

His new title: Dad.

Melinda French Gates gave birth at the weekend to a girl at Overlake Hospital. The baby's name is Jennifer Katharine, and mother and daughter were reported doing well.

"They're home," company spokesman Dean Katz said yesterday. "Everybody's fine."

It's the first child for the couple, who married in a private ceremony on New Year's Day, 1994, on the Hawaiian island of Lanai.

The couple met at a Microsoft dinner in New York and dated on and off for five years before becoming engaged in 1993.

Gates, head of the world's leading computer-software company, is one of the world's richest men. *Forbes Magazine* late last year estimated his wealth at \$14.8 billion. (Agencies)

NATO troops stop Serb-Moslem clashes

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IGNORING a NATO escort and freedom of movement guarantees, Serbs hurled stones at Moslems attempting to visit homes they were forced out of at the start of the war.

About a dozen people were injured and several buses were damaged by stones and sticks wielded by the Serbs. Maj. Guy Vinet, a spokesman for the NATO-led peace force, said the French escorts of the Moslem convoy tried to calm down the Serbs but did not intervene when they attacked.

After razing the gamut of angry Serbs just outside Sarajevo, the convoy managed to make it just to the north of Trnovo, 30 km to the south, before being stopped by another demonstration of about 200 Serbs. The Moslems subsequently turned back.

NATO is keen to limit its role in Bosnia and is reluctant to embrace new tasks not specifically assigned to it by the Dayton peace accords.

But faced with the threat of ethnic violence between the refugees and those who drove them out in the first place, it has begun providing armed escorts, crowd control and other police work it originally rejected.

Most military agreements

enforced by NATO have been respected because all sides fear NATO's weaponry. But Serbs, Croats and Moslems often ignore other provisions of the peace pact, such as freedom of movement, that do not carry the threat of NATO retaliation.

NATO got involved after several confrontations between people returning and those trying to keep them out turned violent.

Yet even the presence of French troops with the NATO-led force, some of them in six light tanks, escorting the seven buses, dozens of cars and three vans with some 500 Moslems did not prevent yesterday's stoning attack.

The Trnovo trip was one of two planned yesterday for refugees wanting to visit their homes, said Mans Nyberg, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

The UNHCR could confirm success for only one of 12 similar trips scheduled for Sunday, which also reflected continuing limitations on freedom of movement because of simmering ethnic hatreds.

Trnovo, about 30 km southwest of Sarajevo, changed hands three times during the Bosnian war and finally ended up under Serb control.

South Africans seek compromise before strike

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — Compromise over sticking points in South Africa's new constitution was at hand yesterday but may have come too late to avert a one-day strike which could further damage investor confidence and hit the battered rand.

Negotiators for the parties were huddling in Cape Town for what could be a breakthrough in horse-trading on the draft bill of rights for the post-apartheid era.

Constitutional Assembly chairman Cyril Ramaphosa said after lengthy talks in Pretoria in Sunday he was confident they would be able to reach full agreement on all outstanding issues.

But union representatives, who held talks with President Nelson Mandela and business leaders in

Pretoria on Sunday, said their planned strike today over a controversial "lock-out clause" in the constitution was still going ahead.

South Africa has been operating on an interim constitution under a government of national unity formed after the country's first democratic elections two years ago. The new charter must be adopted by May 10 or become the subject of a referendum.

The constitution will enshrine the worker's right to strike.

Business says that should be balanced by an employer's right to lock out staff in a labour dispute, but the country's largest union federation, Cosatu, is adamantly opposed to this.

The union says it expects solid support from its 1.6 million mem-

bers, hitting public transport, construction, public services, telecommunications and a range of other industries.

The ANC and Cosatu were close allies during the anti-apartheid struggle and Cosatu leaders were elected to parliament on the ANC ticket.

The rand brightened briefly in early trading yesterday at 4.30 to the dollar, but weakened towards noon to 4.36 with dealers saying the market was still waiting for clearer signals from government

on the direction of economic policy.

Shares on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange were also weak with dealers saying the strike threat was weighing heavily on the market. The overall index was down 92.5 points at noon to 6,954.5.

Mandela's ruling African National Congress, after first backing the strike call, was piling on the pressure yesterday to persuade Cosatu leader Sam Shilowa to call off the action.

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Freedom to marry is a fundamental right

BY ANDREW SULLIVAN

In 1959, a liberal journal of opinion published an essay on racial matters that created quite a stir. The editors of the magazine were outraged by the article, delayed it for a year and only agreed to publish it alongside lengthy rebuttals from its staff. In the following issues, the controversy spiraled. The editors, however, defended their decision forthrightly: "We publish it not because we agree with it," they wrote of the piece, "but because we believe in freedom of expression even for views that seem to us to be entirely mistaken... we feel it is a service to allow this opinion, and the rebuttals to it, now to be aired freely." The magazine was *Dissent*. The author of the offending article was Hannah Arendt.

I'm glad someone published the exchange, because, all these years later, it makes for riveting reading. The article's core contention is that the freedom to marry whomever one wants is one of the most fundamental political rights a liberal society offers. It is not a detour from civil rights, not a special right, not an attempt to revolutionize society, but the bedrock of civil equality. Without it, the equal protection of the law is a sham. Take it away, Hannah:

"The right to marry whomever one wishes is an elementary human right compared to which the right to attend an integrated school, the right to sit where one pleases on a bus, the right to go into any hotel or recreation area or place of amusement, regardless of one's skin color or race are minor indeed. Even political rights, like the right to vote, and nearly all other rights enumerated in the Constitution, are secondary to the inalienable human rights to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence; and to this category the right to home and marriage unquestionably belongs."

Arendt was as politically incorrect in her day as she would be in ours, but her muscular liberalism contains a wisdom that still, I think, has resonance for both race and emotional orientation. Her point is that liberalism's pursuit of equality should end in the public sphere. If it meddles in the "social sphere," it destroys both itself and the freedoms it was designed to protect. And what she meant by the social sphere is even broader than what many conservatives defend today. Arendt argued that parents should not be forced to send their children to an integrated public school if they didn't want to. She clearly would have opposed laws against workplace discrimination. And heaven knows what she would have made of affirmative action.

But, as a true liberal, she believed in the right to marry. It's a strange paradox this, and one worth reiterating. Marriage is a formal, public institution that only the government can grant; and yet it is also the most intimate and private of things, its meaning separate for each couple, its power a function of all those things — passion, jealousy, love, fidelity — that the cold, liberal state can never fully evoke. As such, it does what so few other things can: transform the private world by a public act. It is the intersection of the citizen and the person; the place where our public duties meet our deepest emotional needs.

So when this institution cut through the barrier of race, none of Arendt's precious liberalism was compromised, but the world changed. It changed without infringing on anyone's liberties, without spending anyone's money and without setting up any government program. And yet it's arguable that this simple act did more to proclaim our racial equality — and deepen our racial dialogue — than any other measure this century. Along with full voting rights and military integration, it was primarily a cold, public act. But unlike both of them, it also touched the human heart. It made the most important day in most people's lives a celebration not simply of love and family, but of country and civil equality.

That is why it is so central to homosexual equality. Homosexuality, at its core, is about the emotional connection between two adult human beings. And what public institution is more central — more definitive — of that connection than marriage? The denial of marriage to gay people is therefore not a minor issue. It is the entire issue. It is the most profound statement our society can make that homosexual love is simply not as good as heterosexual love; that gay lives and commitments and hopes are simply worth less. It cuts gay people off not merely from civic respect, but from the rituals and history of their own families and friends. It erases them not merely as citizens, but as human beings.

The civil rights movement helped melt the interracial taboo. The process of integration — like today's process of "coming out" — introduced the minority to the majority, and humanized them. Slowly, white people came to look at interracial couples and see love rather than sex, stability rather than breakdown. And black people came to see interracial couples not as a threat to their identity, but as a symbol of their humanity behind the falsifying carapace of race.

It could happen again. But it is not inevitable; and it won't happen by itself. And, maybe sooner rather than later, the people who insist upon the centrality of gay marriage to every American's equality will come to seem less marginal, or troubling, or "cultural," or bent on ghettoizing themselves. They will seem merely like people who have been allowed to see the possibility of a larger human dignity and who cannot wait to achieve it. For better or worse. For richer or poorer.

In sickness and in health.

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Stay or go?

Buchanan asks voters to make decision

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Starting today, Pat Buchanan is mailing a letter to 140,000 supporters asking a question that strikes terror in the hearts of regular Republicans: "...Do we step out, oow, and build a new institution, a Third Party, as the vehicle of our cause?"

Buchanan's mailing includes a return letter offering four options: 1) "end our campaign now" and endorse Sen. Bob Dole, the prospective Republican nominee; 2) "don't endorse" until the GOP national convention in San Diego but stick with the party; 3) "keep all options open" and decide at San Diego; 4) "time to bid farewell to the Republican Party, and go Third Party, now!"

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The fourth option is the only one concluded with an exclamation point. But Buchanan is not rigging his questionnaire. He is torn about what course to take. Until recently, he averred he never would stand in Dole's way against President Clinton. But the nastiness of Dole's campaign has left him in a quandary: Stay or go? He sees himself as a serious candidate in 2000, but will it be as a Republican or as an independent?

TROUBLE AHEAD

Here is serious trouble for the Grand Old Party, but Dole strategists are not focusing on the Buchanan problem. Behind this attitude is arrogant contempt for the columnist-commentator.

The "let Pat walk!" advice from neo-conservative journalists and old-line patrician Republicans appeals to Dole's inner circle.

But writing off the Buchanan vote does seem irrational. Even with the nomination safely in Dole's hands, Buchanan won 34 percent in Wisconsin and Michigan — states where blue-collar Democrats could vote in the GOP primary. What's more, on many key issues, Buchanan is closer than Dole to rank-and-file party support.

For the first time in a life of inherited Republicanism, Buchanan wonders where his party is going. He has been hurt by intense hostility from pillars of the GOP. Nationwide, I have been accosted by Republican dowagers who shrink in fear from "Buchananism."

After brooding for weeks about what to do, Buchanan was urged by supporters to revive his campaign in Pennsylvania leading up to that state's presidential primary. But that would have meant attacking nominee-designate Dole in stump speeches. Meeting with his closest advisers at his suburban Virginia home last week, Buchanan decided not to go that route.

Instead, he personally wrote his three-page letter. Mailed Thursday to his top organizers, it will be sent to the rest of the 140,000 next week. After recounting how the "mask of civility quickly dropped from the face of the Republican establishment" after his New Hampshire primary victory, he notes that supporters are divided over whether the Republican Party "is a hopeless vehicle for our cause" or whether he is "gaining ground inside the party."

PROMOTIONS

The decision to stay or go, he adds, hinges on which course will promote his positions. Though ignored by Republican leaders, these positions resonate with 474 registered Republicans around the country asked March 15-17 by the CNN/USA Today poll what they think of Buchanan's platform issues. The only one they opposed was the only one on which he and Dole agree: a constitutional amendment to bar abortion. These Republican voters support Buchanan

on raising tariffs, suspending legal immigration, cutting foreign aid across the board, prohibiting U.S. military forces from serving under United Nations command, establishing term limits for federal judges and withdrawing U.S. troops from Bosnia.

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Should somebody with these views speak in the convention hall or out in the parking lot at San Diego? "If he speaks," Republican National Chairman Haley Barbour told me, "I would want him speaking in the convention hall." Dole strategists have not decided which venue poses the greatest threat.

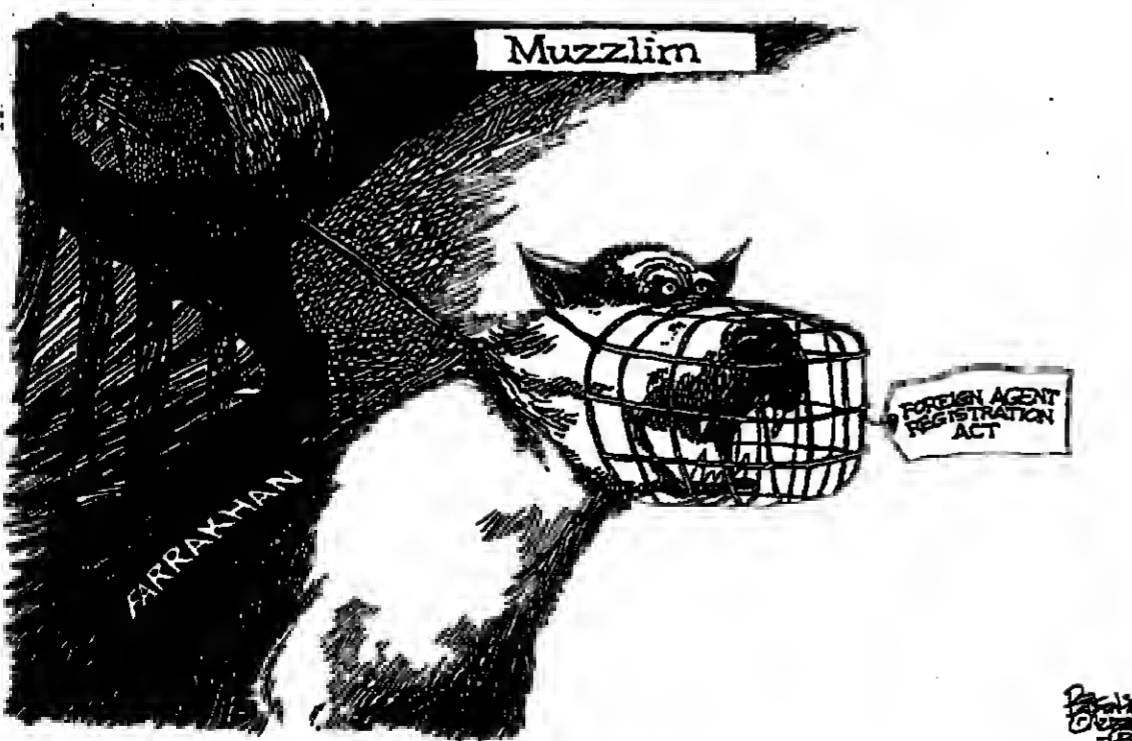
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Buchanan has his own dilemma. He knows that if Clinton wins a second term, he must have endorsed Dole to have any chance for the 2000 nomination. But Buchanan also perceives a great need for a conservatively populist third party that he knows would help re-elect Clinton. He now offers that choice to 140,000 supporters.

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The elderly vote favors Democrats

BY MATTHEW COOPER

James Butler's office on the sixth floor of the American Association of Retired Persons headquarters in Washington is as nondescript as Butler himself, a middle-aged man with his metal spectacles and a gentle mien. But the power of what Butler is doing with the AARP behind him is anything but commonplace. Butler is the director of the AARP/Vote, the organization's effort to "educate" the AARP's 30-plus million members about campaign issues. "We're trying to get them up to speed," says Butler. Ramming speed is more like it. Butler knows what politicians across the country know: the elderly vote can shape the election.

Of course, every identity group tends to tout itself as a swing vote — the better to attract favor from those in office. In the early '90s, we heard talk about how the angry white male was the pivot of American politics. Now, The Wall Street Journal and the National Journal are touting their analog, working-class women, as a key voting bloc. Latinos and Michiganders; suburbanites and Californians — all are would-be kingmakers. But when it comes to seniors the hype may meet the reality.

Why? First, the elderly vote in far greater numbers than the rest of us. Second, they're concentrated in some key electoral states — most notably Florida, where more than 18 percent of the population is over 65, but also in places like Pennsylvania and Iowa, where the elderly population is over 15 percent. Finally, thanks to their dependence on Medicare and Social Security, they have a tangible connection to — and interest in — what goes on in Washington. "One hundred percent of the next election will be determined by 30 percent of the voters — and a big chunk of them will be senior citizens," says Patrick Burns of the National Council of Senior Citizens. "In sure, the elderly vote is hardly monolithic. Those over the age of 65 run the gamut from Palm Beach bond holders to poor North Dakota widows. But as diffuse as they are — the AARP accepts persons as young as 50 — the elderly vote is worth courting.

And where does the elderly vote go this year? Historically, it's tended to lean slightly Democratic — a kind of lagging indicator of when the Democrats were, without a doubt, the country's majority party. The threat of cuts in Social Security frightened seniors and helped the Democrats in the 1982 congressional elections — and convinced the GOP to stay away from serious entitlement cuts for a dozen years. In 1992, Bill Clinton won a larger percentage of the elderly vote than any other age cohort; for instance, 50 percent of those 60 and older voted for Clinton in '92 versus 41 percent of those 45 to 59. But in 1994 the elderly vote sidled up to the GOP — frightened by the Clinton talk of replacing Medicare with Rodhamcare. In exit polls following the 1994 elections, seniors voted Republican — by narrow margins, yes, but gone was the once-potent Democratic advantage.

What a difference a year and a half makes! Since Newt Gingrich's halcyon days in November 1994, seniors have swung back to the

Democrats with vehemence. Seniors would now vote for Clinton over Bob Dole by a margin of 59 to 38, according to an April Gallup Poll. The turnaround stems from the Medicare battle of 1995, the first serious effort to take on entitlements since the GOP's '82 debacle. (In the 1980s, a bipartisan agreement led to the treatment of Social Security benefits as income subject to partial taxation. The recent GOP effort to contain Medicare spending, though, was much more profound.)

Just as the Democrats overreached with health care, so, too, did the GOP with entitlement curbs. Sure, the rest of the country has also moved away from this GOP policy; but the elderly have been particularly frightened by the Republican proposal to curb Medicare spending by \$275 billion and its consequent push of more seniors into Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs). It didn't help the Republicans any that Dole, at a conservative gathering, boasted that he had been among the handful of Republicans to oppose Medicare when it was created in 1965. And when Newt Gingrich publicly acknowledged that he hoped that Medicare would "wither on the vine" — well, that didn't exactly warm Grandma's heart either. Not surprisingly, then, the latest CBS/New York Times poll finds that by a margin of almost two to one those over 65 trust Clinton more than the Republicans to protect Medicare. Pollster Stan Greenberg finds elderly women are the most mobilized group in the electorate.

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The elderly vote seems safe for the Democrats — but only for now. Not surprisingly, then, new ads from the Democratic National Committee proclaim that Clinton will "preserve Medicare." And the Clinton-Gore re-election effort, which won't officially get under way until the convention, is eyeballing Florida, the nation's fourth-largest state and one the Democrats haven't won since 1976. "We're going to play hard there," says White House political director Doug Sosnick, although some in the Clinton entourage worry about spending big money on a conservative state.

For the Dole campaign, the elderly present opportunities, but mostly landmines. On the plus side of the ledger, Dole has scored very well with elderly voters during the Republican primary season. In Iowa, Dole actually lost the under-65 vote to Pat Buchanan and only tweaked out a slim, campaign-saving victory because of the elderly vote. Can he

get the elderly vote among the much larger — and more Democratic — general election pool? Florida Republican Dan Miller thinks so. His congressional district has the highest concentration of elderly people in the country. The two-term congressman waxes confident that the retirees in Sarasota and other Gulf Coast towns that he represents will respond viscerally to what he calls Dole's integrity. "I've had people stop me at the grocery store and say that they voted for Clinton because he reminded them of John Kennedy," Miller says of his district, which is 31 percent elderly. "But then the first thing he did was gays in the military. No, on the issues of war records and infidelity, on the issues of integrity and trust, Dole wins."

But Dole's efforts at generational solidarity aren't working so far. Just short of playing Benny Goodman albums at his rallies, he's done everything to appeal to World War II nostalgia. And yet those over 65 were much more likely to tell CBS/New York Times pollsters that they consider Dole's age to be an "obstacle" than did younger respondents. Crime weighs heavily on the minds of the elderly, much more, according to polls, than it does with the rest of the population. But Clinton's pro-death penalty, pro-gun control position seems to be keeping him even with Dole on this once solidly GOP issue. Unless Dole, 72, can make his sentimental, "one more mission" pitch work, he's going to have a hard time winning his fellow seniors.

It would be nice if the battle for the elderly vote brought out the best in candidates. Alas, it probably won't. Clinton will demagogue Medicare, unwilling to acknowledge that some fundamental reforms need to be made in the system. And Dole will be equally disingenuous, at once saying that the GOP Medicare plan won't affect seniors and at the same time routing that it will save \$275 billion. It's probably telling that one of the really bad GOP ideas — transforming the Medicaid for the poor, many of them elderly, into block grants — has attracted relatively little public attention. There is one good sign, though, and it comes from a surprising place: the AARP. The group has, of course, been roundly criticized for its knee-jerk defense of entitlements. But it is now, to its credit, pushing hard for issues that have nothing to do with entitlements — like campaign finance and tax reform. If the elderly turn their clout on issues besides their own checks, it might just be worth sitting through all the pandering we're likely to witness.

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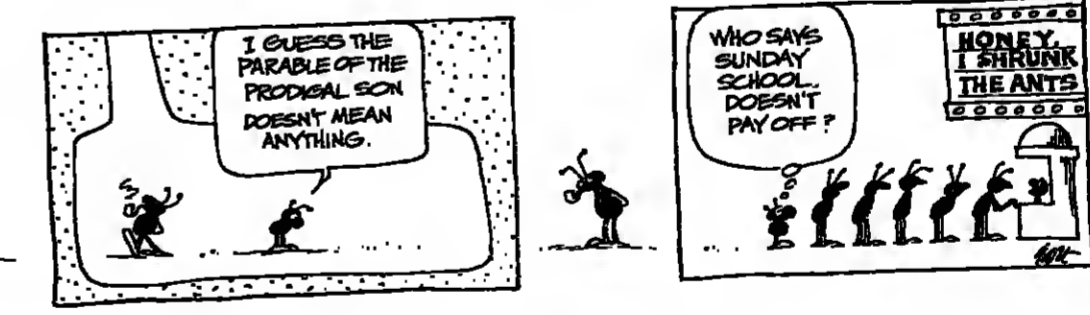
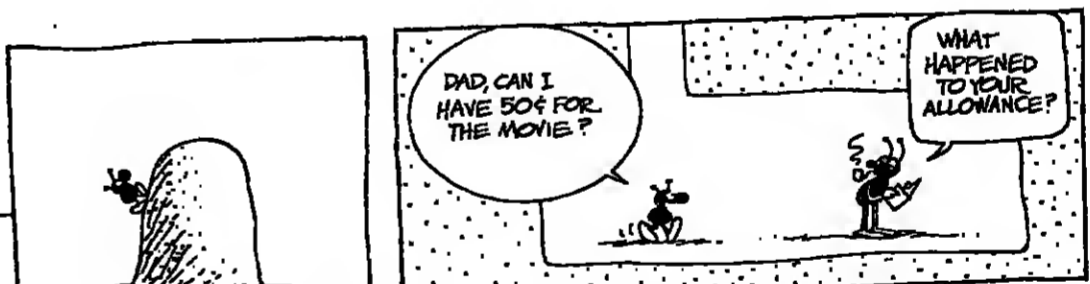
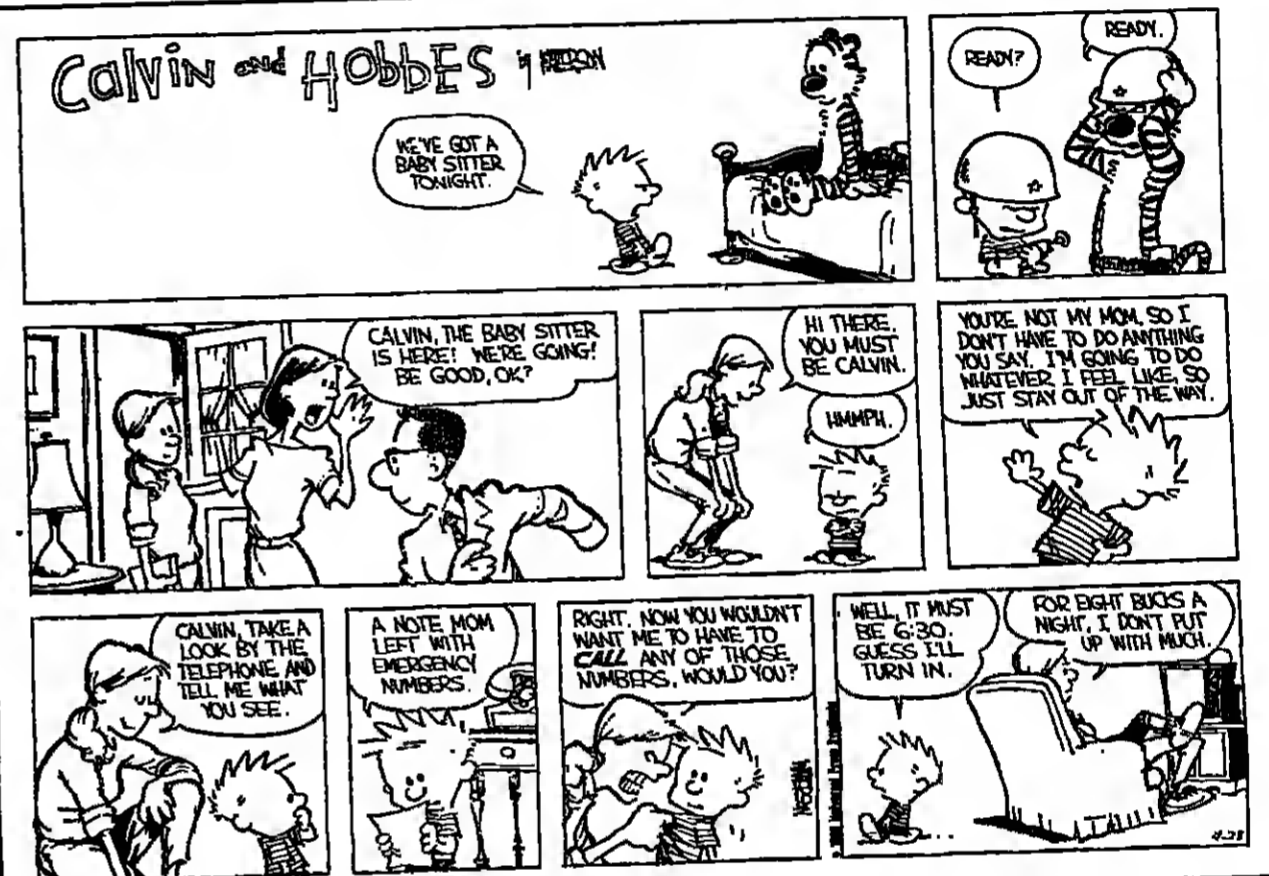
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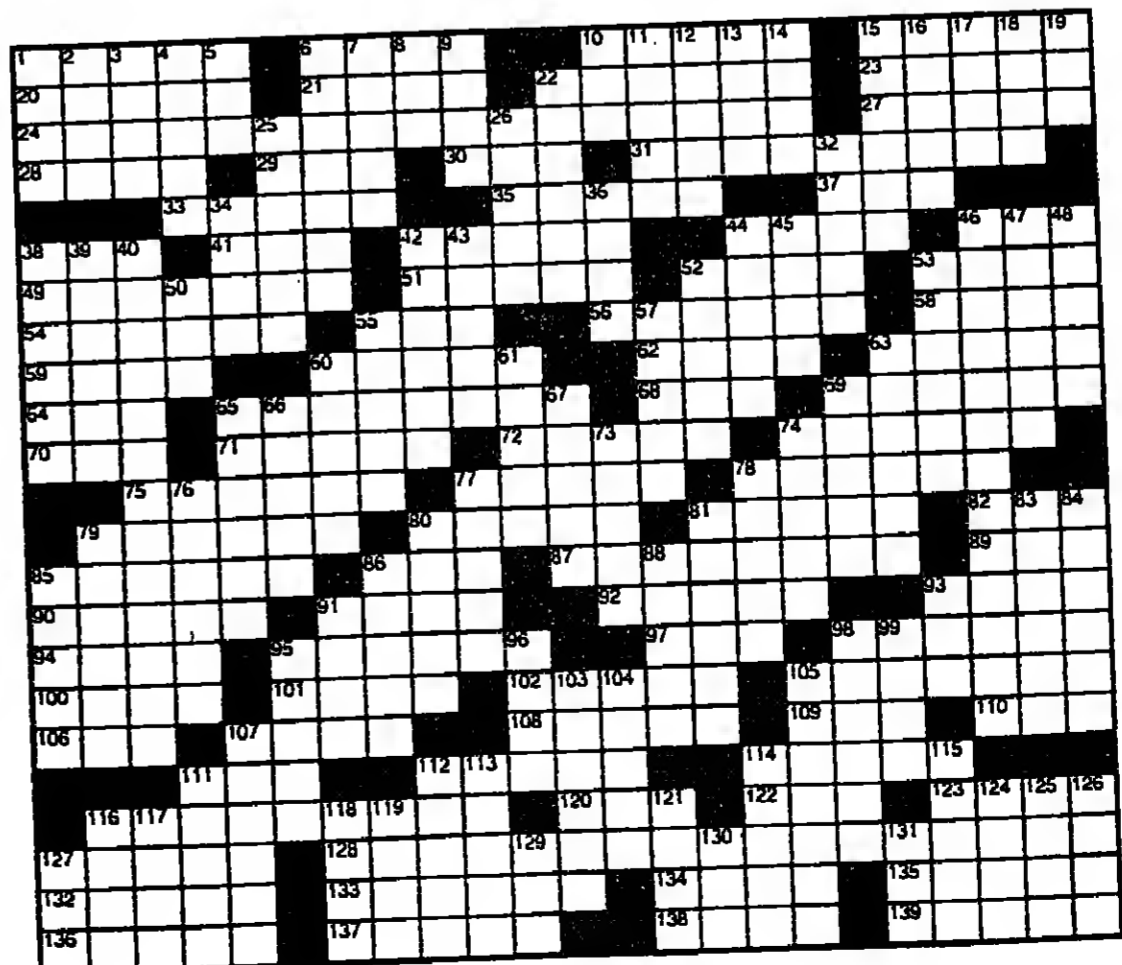
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The new Newt turns away from the right

BY DAVID GRANN

Last month, after outraged moderates cornered him over a harsh anti-regulatory bill, Newt Gingrich bowed to their pleas and yanked it off the floor. A few days later a different group, this time angry hard-core freshmen, surrounded Majority Leader Dick Arme in his office. Fed up with the Speaker's bleeding-heart betrayals, they sought a new commander for the revolution. "The truth is," freshman Rep. Steve Largent said later, "Newt is no longer the polar right."

The incidents underscore one of the strangest turnabouts on Capitol Hill: Newt Gingrich, the man who led the 73 freshmen into battle only a year ago, and is still regarded as an extremist by much of the public, has emerged as a hero of moderate Republicans and the bane of hard-line conservatives. "Since he became Speaker, Newt has become hostage of a few moderates, at the expense of the rest of the conference," snapped one angry GOPer. Hard-core freshmen, who once hung on the Speaker's every word, now dismiss his fiery rhetoric as just that — rhetoric. "He says things to the right of me," complained freshman class vice president Mark Souder, "but then moves halfway around the world."

Moderates like where Gingrich has ended up. The former bomb thrower has embraced Bob Dole, a man he once denounced as the tax collector for the welfare state; forced his unruly freshmen to reopen the federal government; supported the pro-choice General Colin Powell as a possible Republican vice president; defended freedom of expression in cyberspace; fought to save endangered species; flirted with a budget deal with President Clinton; and opposed gutting affirmative action.

Behind these seemingly mainstream stances is the Speaker's peculiar "progressive" conservatism — an amalgam of free-market principles, states' rights and technological utopianism. While Gingrich looks optimistically to the future, many social conservatives pine for the past. The two sides have increasingly clashed, most notably on censoring the Internet. "Newt thought conservatives were spitting against the wind of history," says Souder. "But at least I could say I went down spitting."

As campaign '96 rolls around, Democrats are gleefully fanning Newt's militant public image. But in their more reflective moments, even they admit that he is less ideologically dri-

ven than many in his party. "He never was a true conservative," says Representative Neil Abernethy, a long-haired liberal from Hawaii. "I don't know why people ever got that idea. They confused opposition with conservatism, and ambition with conservatism."

Most of Gingrich's moderate positions are rooted in a realpolitik that transcends ideology. "Newt is a conservative driven by conservative principles," says his spokesman, Tony Blankley, "but he is practical enough to solve any problem." Gingrich's problem in the minority was how to gain a majority; now it is how to maintain one. As a result, he has consistently placated the party's 30 or so moderates, who often enjoy more leverage than their conservative counterparts because they may, in a pinch, vote with the opposition. He conspicuously excluded divisive social issues such as abortion and school prayer from the Contract with America. And, since taking power, he has strategically placed moderates like New York's Sherwood Boehlert at the helms of several of his new task forces.

Quotientennial New England moderate Chris Shays, a former Gingrich foe, now hails him, without a hint of irony, as "one of the finest thinkers in Congress, a true patriot." But the flip side is that Gingrich has begun to lose his once-unassailable conservative base. Most hard-liners celebrated when Gingrich announced last month that he would no longer micromanage the House in order to concentrate on the GOP's message. Hard-liners had harrumphed because, while Arme has always run the day to day operations of the House, moderates had increasingly circumvented the more doctrinaire majority leader during contentious battles, pleading their case directly to Gingrich. After deficit hawks eliminated housing money for AIDS victims last year, some 30 moderates marched into Gingrich's office. "Afterwards, most of the funding was reinstated," says moderate Representative Rick Lazio. "I'd say we won."

It is such caves that lead previously ardent followers to now question Gingrich's conservative credentials. Representative Tom Coburn, head of the pro-family caucus, scoffs at Gingrich's self-described "progressive" conservatism: "Frankly, I don't know what that is."

Though many freshmen have been stunned by Gingrich's moderation, Republicans who have known the Speaker for years are less surprised. After all, the pear-shaped professor was once a Rockefeller Republican, crusading for civil rights. "The moderates like Newt," says

Resources Chairman Don Young, a fiscal conservative, "because Newt has always been a moderate." Many moderates supported Gingrich's bid for minority whip in 1989 over Ed Madigan, a fellow centrist. In part, they knew he could help them return to the majority, but they were also able to distinguish between Gingrich's guerrilla tactics and ideology. "I was a backbecher who knew that in order to be effective," Gingrich confessed to Atlanta Magazine in 1990, "you had to use certain techniques."

Newt the Speaker no longer throws bombs the way he did as a member of the opposition. This is why, according to many aides, Gingrich pursued budget negotiations with Clinton last fall, even after Dole, the famed deal maker, had decided that long-winded soires at the White House were counterproductive. What has undermined the Speaker is his inability to exploit his own moderate positions: Most Americans still see him as an ultra right-winger, and his approval ratings are as low as Richard Nixon's at the height of Watergate.

This public unpopularity has ironically strengthened the House radicals, who seem prepared, if need be, to jettison their former guru. "There are 30 people other than just the Speaker who have the leadership ability and confidence to hold the conference together," says Coburn. In contrast, Shays, the Connecticut moderate, says: "It's a little scary, but I think Newt is indispensable."

For the moment, Gingrich still maintains the trust of most in the party. He remains their best communicator and fund-raiser. And moderates — in a panic over Arme's recent ascension — believe the voluble Speaker will still come to their rescue. After Gingrich's intervention on the regulatory bill, moderate Representative Ray LaHood says happily: "Gingrich is still calling the shots."

But with Gingrich's former supporters now occupying his infamous back bench, the Speaker is already showing signs of retreat. To appease the true believers, last month he scheduled a vote, after nearly a year of delay, on repealing the assault weapons ban. And with the fall election closing in and Arme prepared to step into the breach, Gingrich may soon be forced to become the one thing he has never been in his heart: an extremist.

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Judge Baer reverses controversial decision

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Federal Judge Harold Baer Jr.'s apparent capitulation to political pressure and his reversal of his controversial decision suppressing a questionable police search does grave damage to the independence of the judiciary. You will recall that Judge Baer made headlines back in January when he suppressed 80 pounds of cocaine seized from the trunk of a car driven by a woman who subsequently confessed to being a drug courier. Now, he has again raised eyebrows for reversing himself in the face of threats and pressure.

Judge Baer's original decision was based on his conclusion that the arresting officer did not tell the truth regarding the circumstances of the search and that on the basis of what Judge Baer believed to be the facts, the search violated the Fourth Amendment. That was the holding of his decision — the binding legal conclusion. He also added a hit of diction — which he subsequently characterized as hyperbole — to the effect that it was not necessarily suspicious for innocent people in certain parts of New York City to run from the police.

CRITICISM

This combination of factors — freeing an apparently guilty drug defendant on the basis of a constitutional violation and opining about the lack of trust some even innocent New Yorkers have in police — led to a firestorm of criticism. But that is precisely why federal judges have life tenure to permit them to resist criticism and stick to their constitutional rulings, no matter how unpopular.

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Judge Baer did not measure up to this responsibility. Between the two decisions, President Clinton's press secretary issued an entirely inappropriate threat against Judge Baer. He suggested that if the judge did not reverse his original decision, the president — who appointed Baer and has the power to promote him — might ask for his resignation. Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole went even further. He said that if Judge Baer did not resign, he should be impeached — thus demonstrating ignorance of the constitutional criteria for impeachment.

Upon hearing of these and other threats, Judge Baer caved in. He reversed his earlier ruling, citing new evidence which he said persuaded him that the police officer was telling the truth. What was this new evidence? The testimony of another police officer who allegedly corroborated the first one. But as *The New York Times* pointed out in an editorial critical of this pressured reversal: "The problem is that the second police officer's new testimony has inconsistencies when compared with a written account the same officer filled out just hours after the arrest took place."

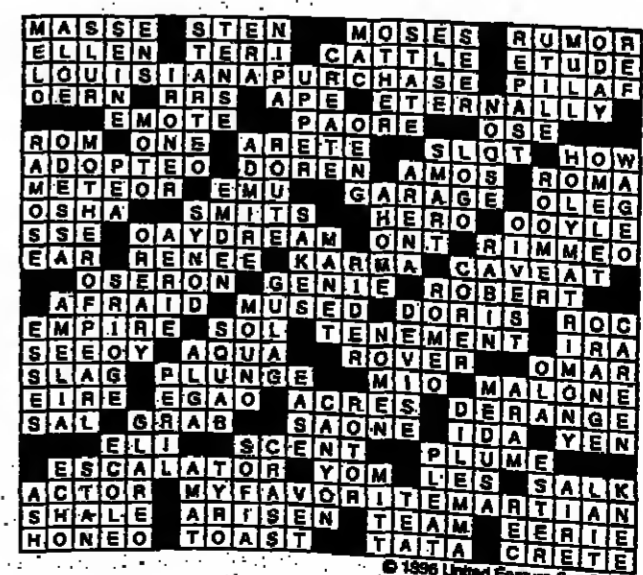
CORROBORATION

This kind of convenient corroboration by one policeman of another policeman's lies is all too typical of police testifying, a phenomenon of which Judge Baer is intimately aware, since he served on the Mollen Commission, which concluded that police testifying in precisely these kinds of cases is common in certain New York precincts.

It is extraordinarily unusual for a judge to reconsider a ruling of this kind and then to reverse himself, especially on an issue of credibility. The second police officer could have been called as a witness for the prosecution at the first hearing. The entire matter smacks of a contrivance, calculated to give the judge an out from the barrage of threats and criticism. The original police officer is no more credible today than he was when he first testified. The only change is that Judge Baer no longer has the courage to call it as he sees it.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

Lehman Bros.: Shekel to fall after elections

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THE shekel's depreciation against the dollar will accelerate after the May 29 elections...

Indigo raises \$100m. in effort to offset '95 losses of \$40.5m.

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INDIGO announced yesterday it had raised \$100 million in private offerings after suffering \$40.5m. in losses for 1995...

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Bedouin park to be built in Beerseba: In an effort to drum up tourism in the South, the Organization for the Development of Tourism in the Negev...

South Africa's four largest banks yesterday raised their prime lending rates to 19.5 percent, from 18.5%...

Discount wants amendment in banking bill dropped

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BANK Discount's board of directors yesterday called on the government to cancel Amendment 11 in the banking bill...

Lufthansa seeks more flights here

GREER FAY CASHMAN

A TOP-LEVEL Lufthansa delegation headed by CEO Jurgen Weber met with his El Al counterparts yesterday to discuss the possibility of increasing the German carrier's number of weekly flights...

Bezeq told to stop Internet on non-subscription basis

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEQ has been forced by the Communications Ministry to halt a "technical examination" of its ability to provide Internet services on a non-subscription basis...

provide Internet access before it made a final decision. Kaul said the service was so popular among workers that the number of connections grew dramatically in a short time...

Aloni approved the proposal that experts would investigate the issue over the next few days. Kaul said Bezeq regarded access to Internet as a popular service that must not be turned into an elitist one...

IBM falls from top 5 US computer makers

MARGARET WILLIAMS

IBM has fallen out of the list of top five personal computer producers in the US. Ranked No. 4 in the first quarter last year, IBM seems likely to be sixth when the final figures are released...

Overall shipments of PCs rose 14% during the quarter to 5.73 million from 5.02 million. While that is lower than the estimate for PC growth this year, IDC said there is no evidence of a "vast slowdown" in the PC market...

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Stronger dollar sends shares up

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



STOCKS rose for a fourth day yesterday as the dollar strengthened against the shekel, boosting the prospects for exporters.

The Maof Index rose 0.13 percent to 214.78, while the Two-Sided Index went up 0.27% to 303.88.

Hadera Paper, jumped 3.5% on NIS 2.7m. of shares, which Kraus said was more than 10 times the stock's normal daily trading.

Stocks are also being driven by the influence from New York, Kraus said.

Eurobourses end down

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - The dollar arrested a slide against the yen by the end of European trading yesterday, clawing back some lost ground, and the main European bourses closed lower.

Shares had a dull day. Trading ahead of key US data later in the week was subdued and further dampened by a lower opening on Wall Street.

On the London Stock Exchange, change, broadly in-line economic data left shares drifting sharply lower in a lackluster start to the week.

Britain's economy grew at a sluggish year-on-year rate of two percent in the first quarter of 1996, pouring cold water on hopes of a quick pickup in activity.

Leading shares were weighed down by FTSE index futures reflecting the market's cautious mood ahead of British local elections on Thursday.

French shares closed down more a third of a percent on profit-taking after the bourse's recent gains to year-highs.

The Paris bourse, which had risen seven percent during April, was also pressured by weaker bond prices.

Dow rises in slow trading

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks were mostly higher yesterday in quiet trading as the flow of earnings reports slowed to a trickle and investors began bracing for this week's report on April employment.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average ended 5.42 points higher to close at 5,573.41, after rebounding from an early dip and then retreating from a gain of about 20 points in the afternoon.

On Friday, the sluggish blue-chip index rose by about one point, once again lagging the rally in technology and smaller companies.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Table of Tel Aviv stock prices including Commercial, Banks, Industrials, Mortgage Banks & Finance, Financial Institutions, Insurance, Trade & Services, Property, Building & Agriculture, Oil Exploration, and Parallel List.

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Table of international stock prices including London, Frankfurt, Paris, and other European markets.

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Table showing exchange rates for US dollar, Sterling, and Mark against the NIS.

NYSE STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

Table of NYSE market indexes including DJ Industrials, DJ Transport, NYSE Composite, etc.

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Table of Libor interest rates for various terms.

Foreign financial data courtesy of CommStock Trading Ltd.

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INFLATION AND METALS

US commodities

Table of US commodity prices.

London commodities

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Spot market metals (US)

Table of spot market metal prices.

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CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Table of currency cross-rates for various countries.

Soccer players probed in gambling scandal

FOUR Hapoel Kfar Sava soccer players were questioned by the police yesterday in connection with the sports betting ring currently being investigated by police and tax authorities.

The four, Eli Tsoref, David Stolper, Moti Yeverbaum, and Kobi Refuah, are believed to be the first group of active players to be questioned to discover if sportsmen were involved in fixing matches or in the gambling operation which it is claimed reaped the organizers millions of shekels a month.

On Sunday, four alleged ring-leaders - including alleged gang leader Abaron Davidian, former Betar Jerusalem and national team player Shlomo Shirazi, and Yitzhak Segal - were remanded.

RAINE MARCUS

An additional 14 suspects were questioned under caution, then released on bail.

The operation was brought to the attention of police nearly a year ago, when a private detective agency launched a probe, but authorities only began an undercover operation three months ago, with the assistance of Yitzhak Hagoel, a compulsive gambler who agreed to act as an informer in return for payment.

Betting methods used included the "line" system in basketball games, whereby gamblers would bet a team would defeat or lose to another by at least a given number of points. On soccer matches,

police said, gamblers would bet on "anything that moved" - the numbers of goals scored, who would score the first goal, the goal difference between the two teams, etc.

Meanwhile sources said that there are differences of opinion between police, income tax, and VAT investigators over who should head the probe. The taxmen are basically interested in getting their share of the illegal profits allegedly earned by the gang, while the police are investigating the illegal gambling aspect.

Bettors can expect to have their financial records scrutinized to see if they paid taxes on their winnings and to discover the source of their income.

Court: State's evidence deal still valid with perpetrator

A STATE'S evidence agreement can be valid even when it is made with one of the main perpetrators of a crime, the High Court of Justice said yesterday.

It was ruling on a petition by Abed Amas and Elihu Asraf, who are being charged with dealing in stolen car parts. A major prosecution witness in the case is Issa Mansour, who was himself guilty of the same crime, but turned state's evidence.

The petition argued that state's evidence agreements should not be permitted at all, because they grant certain criminals immunity for their crimes. But even if such agreements are permitted, it continued, one should certainly not have been made with Mansour, because his guilt was no less than that of the people he testified against.

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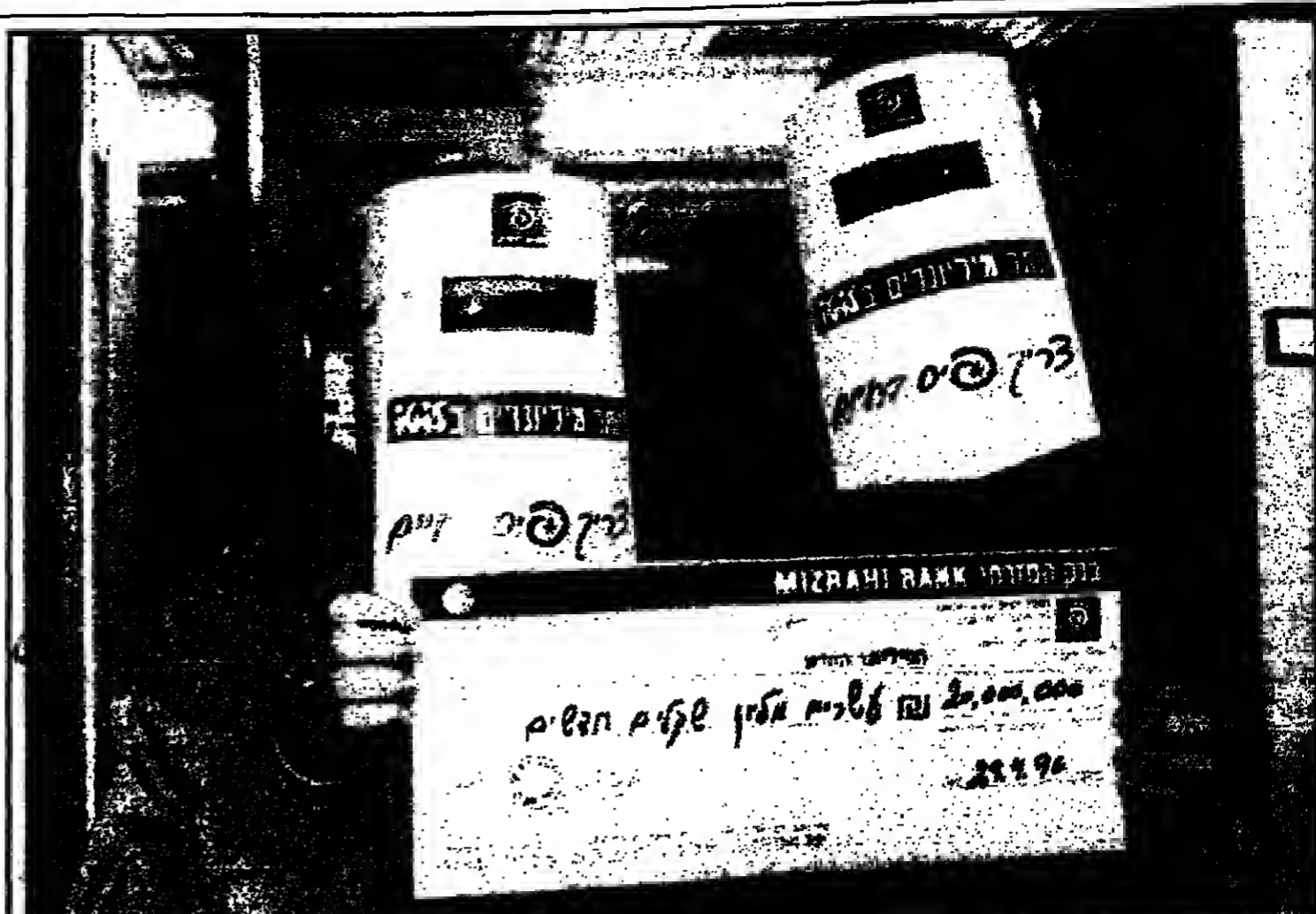
Justices Theodor Orr, Mishael Cheshin and Ya'acov Kedmi dismissed the argument against permitting criminals ever to turn state's evidence, noting that this tactic has long been recognized as a "necessary evil" in the war against crime. However, they agreed that such deals should be made with caution, and generally only with less central figures for the sake of convicting more central figures in a crime.

In this case, however, the police's decision was quite reasonable, the justices said, despite the fact that Mansour was a major player in the car theft ring. First of all, they noted, in return for granting immunity to one man, the police obtained evidence against seven major dealers in stolen car

parts. In addition, the police had never had enough evidence to indict Mansour, so they did not lose anything by offering him immunity.

The justices did criticize the Attorney-General's Office on one point, however. According to directives issued by the office in 1976, state's evidence deals are supposed to be okayed by the state attorney after consultation with the attorney-general.

Because of the increasing number of such deals, however, the practice for many years now has been to consult with the state attorney and the attorney-general only in exceptional cases. The justices said it is improper to have one procedure on the books and another in practice, and that therefore the directives should be altered to conform with the new practice.



The winners of the NIS 20 million jackpot accept their prize yesterday at Mifal Hapayis headquarters. The winners, who have been friends since serving in the IDF together, split the NIS 44.80 fee for the ticket. (IAPA)

'30% of population doesn't serve'

THIRTY percent of the draftable male population never serves in the IDF, and 13% of the recruits are released because of incompatibility by the end of their first year of service, according to Labor MK Ra'anan Cohen.

He was speaking at a discussion in Tel Aviv on the drafting of special segments of the population into the IDF.

Participants, who included MKs Rafael Eitan (Izmer) and Naomi Blumenthal (Likud), Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs

Director-General Avraham Ben-Shoshan, demanded the IDF draft all those eligible, noting the social implications of not drafting weaker elements in society.

Psychologist Dr. Dov Orbach added that 50% of women don't serve, and said the peace process and aliya from the former Soviet Union had necessitated more selective drafting, and easy dismissal of problematic draftees.

Ben-Shoshan said the IDF should be forced to develop a concrete plan to train special seg-

ments of the population, since it is the only body that can take on such a project. He said the residents of development towns had benefited greatly from the efforts made on their behalf, and that its soldiers are now well represented in officer training courses.

Eitan criticized the financial considerations being used in making decisions regarding draftees, and said the harm caused to the weaker segments of society outweighed the economic benefit involved. (him)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Youth killed in road accident
One person was killed and another critically injured yesterday in an accident which occurred when a 16-year-old illegally driving a car tried to evade police at the northern entrance to Eilat.

Seven people were injured, all lightly or moderately, when two cars collided at the Tzema junction, south of Lake Kinneret. Two people were arrested on the suspicion that they were in the car which struck a pedestrian in Lod, moderately to seriously injuring him, and then fled the scene. *Itim*

Organ transplants performed
Two lungs, a heart, a liver and four kidneys were transplanted into patients yesterday at Sheba Hospital and at Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus. It was the first time here that a pair of lungs was transplanted into an Israeli adult. A 56-year-old man who suffered from repeated severe lung infections received the lungs after waiting for a year in France. He was in stable condition at Sheba. A 55-year-old man with cardiac insufficiency received the heart. A 56-year-old father of six received the liver, and the kidney recipients were two teenage girls and two 40-year-olds at the Beilinson Campus. *Judy Siegel*

Driver imprisoned for assaulting youths
A Tel Aviv cab driver who beat two 12-year-old youths was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by the city's Magistrate's Court yesterday. The cab driver passed a busload of pupils and, when one of them spat on him from the bus window, he followed the bus and blocked its path. He then entered the bus and beat two youths, causing them mild injuries. *Raine Marcus*

Alternative burial cemetery opens
Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban yesterday praised the opening in BeerSheva of the country's first cemetery offering alternative burial. Tzaban called the move "a major step in eliminating the Orthodox monopoly, one that will finally guarantee respectful treatment of every deceased, whether or not they are recognized as Jewish by the rabbinical establishment." *Itim*

NIS 1b. deficit projected for health funds
Kupat Holim Clalit director-general Avigdor Kaplan said yesterday that the health funds will this year come up NIS 1 billion short of the funds needed to cover their members medical costs, similar to the shortfall last year. He said the government will have to subsidize medical costs, which are not covered by income from health taxes collected by the National Insurance Institute. *Judy Siegel*

Pardess Hanna man remanded for murder

YAIR Ben-Yosef, 60, of Pardess Hanna, suspected of stabbing his sleeping wife Esperance, 57, to death on Sunday, was remanded for 15 days by the Hadera Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Judge Tal Shtahar also ordered that he be sent for psychiatric observation and appointed an attorney for him.

The police representative said Ben-Yosef confessed to stabbing his wife several times in the chest and face, and had reenacted the crime. "Our father was known in the outside world as a nice guy," Eli Ben-Yosef told Israel Radio yesterday. "At home he was the opposite. He used to beat all of us [the couple had six children], but in the last few years, he would only hit mom, and then only when none of us were at home. He would spend all his money on booze and lottery tickets. He only agreed to come to our weddings on the condition that we, his children, buy him new clothes. "Mom tried to put an end to it; she wanted a divorce. But he would bring the local council head, rabbis, friends, the whole world to make peace between them. She would take pity on him, knowing he couldn't make it on his own, but two days later he would be beating her again." (Itim)

Expert: 120,000 born to alcoholics

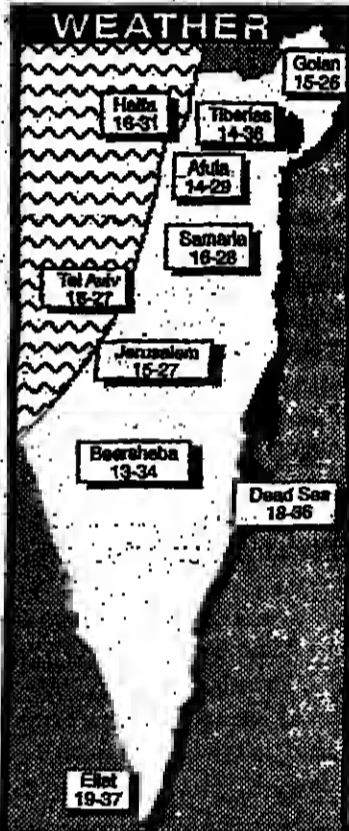
IT'S bad enough having a parent who is an alcoholic; it's worse having to keep that knowledge a secret. At least 120,000 children here carry that burden, as well as feelings of isolation, fear, shame and guilt, according to Nahum Michaeli, head of Alcohol Treatment Programs of the Association for the Development of Social Services.

Michaeli was speaking at a symposium, entitled Children of Alcoholics, Children at Risk, held yesterday at Kfar Hamaccabiah in Ramat Gan. The number he cited is derived from the estimated 40,000 alcoholics in the country, three-quarters of whom are married and have an average of four children.

In one out of 10 cases, the alcoholic parent is the mother. In some homes, both parents are alcoholics; in others, one is an alco-

ESTHER HECHT

holic and the other a drug abuser. Many of the children believe they, too, are doomed to suffer their parent's fate. Alcoholism is a familial illness, affecting every member of the family. Adoption studies and twin studies provide some evidence for a genetic factor, but little is known about what that factor is and how it operates, according to Dr. Anka Ram, deputy head of the Child and Adolescent Clinic at Geha Hospital. Research also points to environmental influences. Some help is available here, but funding is hard to come by, Michaeli said. Sarit Barbash, head of the Alcohol Treatment Program in Ashdod, described group meetings in a local school aimed at providing information on alcoholism, a supportive environment in which the children can work through feelings, help in improving communication skills, and help in overcoming feelings of helplessness and fatalism. Two Netanya women - the daughter of an alcoholic and the wife of an alcoholic - are starting a support group for youngsters called Alateen, modeled on Alanon, the organization for families of alcoholics. A main goal of Alateen is to enable the youngster to continue loving the parent by recognizing that alcoholism is an illness and by separating himself or herself emotionally from the parent's addiction. Meanwhile, the country's only in-patient treatment facility, in Ramat Gan, has reopened for one month. It closed a month ago for lack of funds.



State asks Court to increase sentence of child abuser

THE state yesterday asked the Supreme Court to "significantly increase" the sentence of a man convicted of physically and sexually abusing his children.

Tel Aviv District Court had convicted the man of sexually abusing his two daughters, 4 and 6, and physically abusing all four of his children. However, it sentenced him to only one year in prison. The state argued that this was not enough to send the message that such behavior is unacceptable - especially since the man works

in education, and therefore serves as an example for the community. It also charged that the court did not give sufficient weight to the suffering incurred by the children, who had been cast out by the community and kicked out of their schools. In particular, the appeal argued, the court erred in not barring the man from seeing his children for a significant length of time, to give them time to recover. The appeal also challenged sev-

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Madrid	08	14	18	64	cloudy
Beijing	09	15	19	66	cloudy
Tokyo	10	16	20	68	cloudy
Sydney	11	17	21	70	clear
Auckland	12	18	22	72	clear
Los Angeles	13	19	23	73	clear
Hong Kong	14	20	24	75	clear
Delhi	15	21	25	77	clear
Mumbai	16	22	26	79	clear
Manila	17	23	27	81	clear
Seoul	18	24	28	82	clear
Perth	19	25	29	84	clear
Wellington	20	26	30	86	clear
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